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"But if you're willfully stupid, you don't know any better, so you can keep doing whatever you like!" Calvin and Hobbes **Free**

US West New Vector

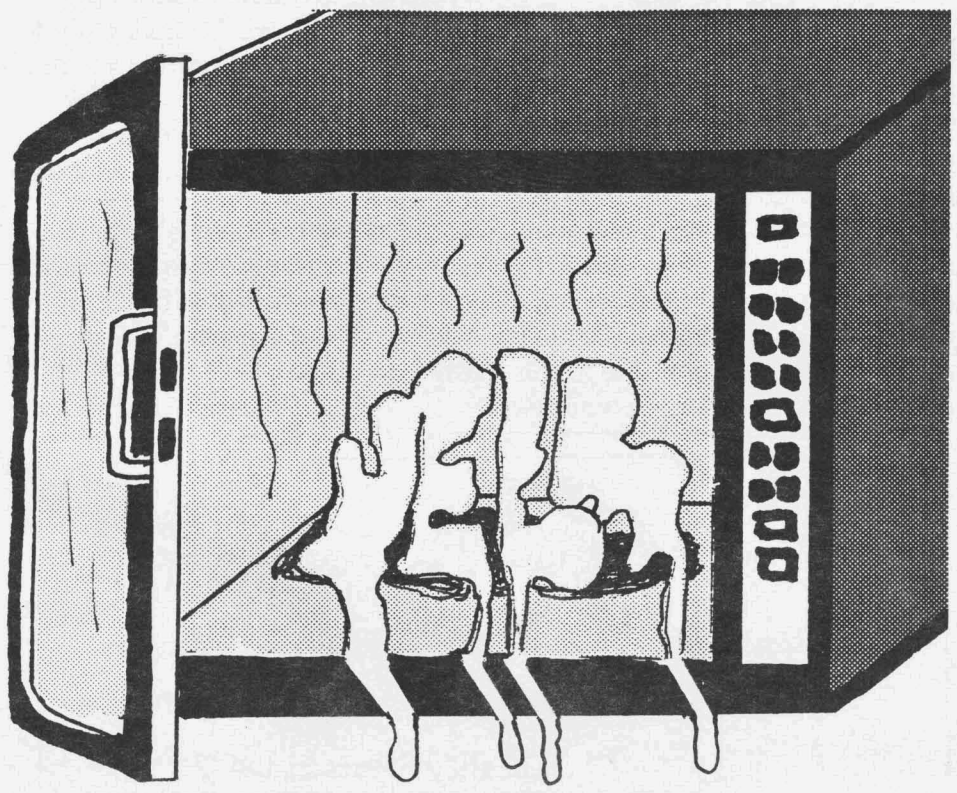
Radiating Yelm With Microwaves

Faren Webb

In rural Thurston County there are five hard working individuals who call themselves, the Microwave Awareness Group of Yelm (MAGY). They have been informing neighbors and the County of their fears concerning US West New Vector's planned microwave transmission tower. In October 1991 they won a ten month delay of the County Commissioners' decision on whether to approve the Hearing Examiner's recommendation that US West New Vector be granted a special use permit to place a $500,000 tower at Hammersmith Hill over Yelm Prairie Elementary.

The construction of this tower will complete a series of interconnected sites in Thurston-Pierce Counties that service cellular communications [car phones] and will handle up to 420 calls at a time. MAGY states that the long term effects of radiation produced at this site could be hazardous to the school children and to the surrounding area.

In 1985 the Washington State Department of Health completed an occupational study which suggests that exposure to the magnetic portion electro-magnetic fields (EMF) has a positive association with leukemi.



Microwave transmission sites emit large magnetic fields. To illustrate MAGY's concern regarding these magnetic fields, while the magnetic field of one high power line has the diameter of approximately 300 feet the fluctuating magnetic field of a microwave transmission site is 2,000 to 4,000 feet in diameter. The Yelm Prairie Elementary will be only 1,000 feet from the proposed Yelm site.

Two members of MAGY, who will have children attending Yelm Prairie Elementary this fall, say they will withdraw their children if US West New Vector's microwave transmission tower is erected.

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With literally hundreds of studies done on magnetic field radiation exposure, most have been high dose, short term, but not on the effects of low dose, long term radiation.

Germany, Austria and Switzerland are now witnessing the devastating effects of this type of radiation to their forests. The Federal Office of Radiation Protection in Germany has proposed banning the construction of all radio-relay links similar to the ones US West New Vector has propsed. They state that the needles and veins in the leaves of trees surrounding microwave transmission sites in Germany act as antennas for microwaves, burning the root hairs and eventually killing the trees and the soil.

Nancy Weidinger, one of the members of the Microwave Awareness Group of Yelm, stated "No microwave facility should ever be built around children." She further stated, "US West New Vector plans to build this facility within the right-of-way (65 feet) of a 500 kilovolt transmission line. It is widely suspected that the magnetic field is what causes the biological damage. No research has ever been done on the mixing of these two fields." Ms. Weidinger feels that these consideration alone should be enough to deny the special use permit.

Why does US West New Vector

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Rock The Vote In Olympia

Alex Rains

This November 3rd will truly be a day of reckoning in this country. We are faced with the prospects of another four years of Bush presidency: the threat of renewed aggression in Iraq, repeated ignorance of our own society's homelessness and joblessness, and increased restrictions on a woman's right to an abortion, if not an outright constitutional ban. On the other hand there is the uncertain possibility of the youngest presidential team in the history of this country, as Marilyn Quayle states, "a couple of baby-boomers out to change the world."

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'The winds of' change seem to be blowing now, in an uncertain and haphazard way. In this climate, it is crucial for all Americans to educate themselves, understand the issues and the candidates, and most importantly, to vote.

It is for this purpose that Rock the Vote was founded. RTV is a non-profit, non-partisan organization founded by members of the recording industry to encourage 18-24 year olds to become involved in the process of' democracy as a response to the relentless attacks on freedom of speech and artistic expression. Recognizing that this age group has shown a staggering indifference towards civic participation, RTV is dedicated to communicating the importance of voting and exercising the right of freedom of speech described in and guaranteed by the United States Constitution. RTV is founded on the premise that young people have an enormous potential to create change; voting empowers young people to make a difference in the way politicians are elected, the way laws are passed and the way policies are implemented. Here are some facts:

* In 1971, Congress amended the United States Constitution, granting the right to vote to anyone who is 18 years of age or older. Before 1971, 18-20 year-olds did not have the right to vote.

*Young voters now represent more than twenty-five million members of the electorate.

* On the average, 4 out of 5 newly eligible high school students do not vote.

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Letters

Critic Wants WIP to Wither Away

To WiP:

From afar -- and believe me, the scandal is getting out, all over the country -- your purge of Matt Love is all too typical. The left is devouring its children. Instead of appreciating its decline for what it is, an or-else imperative for renewal, the left shrivels into a self-referential ghetto. The more obvious it becomes you are doing something wrong, the more stridently you reiterate your rectitude and muzzle constructive critics. Unlike Matt Love, I am not your constructive critic, because I believe paralytic "progressives" reproduce in microcosm the very hierarchy, separation and fraud which define the existing order they imagine they oppose. As a radical, not a leftist, I welcome your withering away. The details of your differences with Love are secondary. All I need to know is that Love is circulating your side of the story (insofar as you've condescended to provide one), whereas you -- with far more means of communication -- suppress his. It's not hard to figure out who has something to hide.

Sincerely, Bob Black

Support Socialist Labor Party

Works In Progress:

Bill Comiskey's article in "How to Get Rich" was probably written in jest. If any future society that does not advocate the uproot of the capitalist system and put complete control in the hands of the working class then there will be no end of greed poverty, unemployment, war and piles of unearned wealth for 1% of the population that does no useful work. Why do we need union leaders who want to keep capitalism; why do we need politicians who know big business will take care of them? Why do we need unsafe workplaces, environmental contamination of air, land, water, food cancerous radioactive waste and radiation of all kinds? Why do we need racism to divide the workers, keep wages low, and the working class weak?

If the voters do not know for whom to vote in the next presidential election why not support the Socialist Labor Party of America? The only political party that is for the working class and supported by workers and volunteer workers.

Yours truly,
Milton Poulos

History Lesson

80 cents for a dead man.
60 cents for a dead woman.
40 cents for a dead child.

This is what Native People were worth to the invading europeans. Bounty hunters were paid for each Native Person they killed. These bounty hunters collected the skulls of their victims, and were paid -

80 cents for a dead man.
60 cents for a dead woman.
40 cents for a dead child.

These brutal murderers grew tired of carrying heavy sacks of skulls. They switched to collecting the skins and scalps, which they called "redskins", of the victims.

This is the history of the term "redskins."

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40 cents for a dead child.

Athletic Teams through out this country, from Port Townshend, WA, to Washington DC, from high school to pro level, use "redskins" as their name. This outrage, one of many, must end NOW.

Sarah Light

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Thurston County Commissioner
District 2, Democrat

Endorsed by:
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"When you sit in council on the welfare of your people, you must council with the seventh generation in mind.
Onondaga Chief Oren Lyons

Platform

* ***Promote a sustainable economy*** - The probable acceptance of the North American Free Trade Agreement in the next decade and the limits of the environment will cause the need for dependable local economies.

* ***Secure funding of human services*** - Due to federal government underfunding of public services, the County must do more to meet the needs of public health, affordable housing, day care, and early childhood education.

* ***Defend fundamental human rights*** - Reproductive choice, lesbians/gays, affirmative action (taking a positive active role in redressing past wrongs), people of color, people with disabilities, collective bargaining—the rights of each need championing.

* ***Protect the natural environment*** - Improve public transportation and air and water quality; preserve wetlands and natural habitats; promote selected harvesting rather than clearcutting; invest in future parkland; and address the environmental impact in current and future zoning.

* ***Just and equal application of the law*** - Assurance must be guaranteed that every citizen regardless of circumstance receive respect and the rights of those accused, protected.

* ***Fairness in taxation*** - Citizens have the right to equitable distribution of the tax burden.

* ***Promotion of Democratic Process*** - County government needs to be more accessible and convenient to the citizen. The Commissioners should meet in the evening and special hearings should be held in the affected locales. There should also be expanded opportunities for petition and redress.

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Power of the Bench

George Darkenwald

The Thurston County Superior Court judge races are getting lots of attention, and that's a good thing. The races for positions 2 and 4 will be decided in the primary September 15, so we need to focus our attention now. Superior Court judges make decisions that deeply affect our lives, liberty and property. We pay them nearly $100,000 per year - plus excellent benefits - yet, incumbents are seldom challenged. For that kind of money, security, prestige and responsibility we deserve the very best, the highest qualifications and most relevant experience.

Any candidate asking for a job with such power demands our closest scrutiny before we vote.

Divorce, child custody/support, contested wills and complicated probates, sex, age, racial discrimination cases, disputes about land use vs. ownership, felony crimes, claims that government regulations "take" our private property...

Problems like these are the daily business of Superior Court. According to our state constitution, problems like these can only be handled by superior courts, not by our two county district courts or the municipal courts of Tenino, Yelm, Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater.

Especially in Thurston County, Superior Court judges can and do overrule decisions made by state agencies like DSHS, L & I, and the Department of Revenue. Superior Court judges can and do declare statutes unconstitutional and issue restraining orders against the Government.

Superior Court judges make these decisions alone - without consensus, committee or majority rule. Their decisions seldom get reversed.

Our system works because everyone - including the Governor - agrees to respect and live by court order. Any candidate asking for a job with such power demands our closest scrutiny before we vote.

George Darkenwald is a candidate for Thurston County Superior Court, Position 2.

Impact Fees - Necessary or What?

Frank Dare

I think this article is important because I present another view to an issue which boils down to a commodity even Seattle developers understand...MONEY.

Dear Editor:

Are impact fees really necessary?

I have recently changed my opinion of whether impact fees are required. As I looked into where our government is obtaining revenue I realized that impact fees are an insignificant portion.

County revenues have increased *over ten percent per year* (you read that correctly, 10% increase per year) for the last twelve years. Impact fees are a "red herring." The real issue is where all of the money is going. County revenues get funneled into the state's General Fund and other accounts where it is next to impossible to follow.

This constant increase of revenue has allowed the government to waste our money by:

* Building fancy buildings and furnishing them with new equipment.

*Financing campaigns for incumbents, according to recent findings by the Public Disclosure Commission.

* Have a special van built so the governor can work while he travels to the airport, then park it for...a jet for use on his special interest trips such as flying to lobby for the private Mariners Baseball Team.

* Have so many state vehicles that accurate accounting is almost impossible.

*Pay off a college president who had lied about his credentials.

*Give outrageous salary increases and accompanied benefits, to state elected officials based on a questionable study.

* Host special "retreats" for high ranking employees and elected officials. The list goes on...

Meanwhile, our economy has not allowed most of us to meet the annual increased cost of living. I am concerned that people on fixed income, especially senior citizens who faithfully spent their working lives making positive contributions to our communities are being run out of their homes. The property tax increase (6% per year) combined with other burdens such as levies, bonds, etc. is too much.

As I looked into where our government is obtaining revenue I realized that impact fees are an insignificant portion.

I see the really negative effect of state-level irresponsible overspending on local taxpayers. If spending was limited to essentials for managing governmental affairs, what benefits could we see in our county, cities and towns? Perhaps efficient means of transportation, better facilities for youth and seniors, the list goes on...

Frank Dare is a candidate for Thurston County Commissioner, Third District.

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Commentary

Ugly American Values

George Riffero

In a primarily materialistic society such as ours in which the worth of an individual is often decided by his wealth, it is difficult for people who are not materialistically oriented to survive. As a result of this conflict of values, many conscientious, compassionate persons become victims. These people refuse to lie, cheat, steal or do just "anything for a buck."

In this country, many of our problems develop due to a wrong set of values.

In this country, many of our problems develop due to a wrong set of values. We criticize the Russians for being materialistic and not concerned about human beings. But, what about the millions of people in this country who live on the streets, have no money, no food, no shelter, no medical care, and no future, while others, a minority of people, live in excessive luxury and are obsessed with acquiring more? There is an old saying that "people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones." We should also be careful about using the word "atheist" too freely.

We are sometimes described as the "ugly Americans." Why do some people believe that we are greedy and insensitive? Do all of us believe that "might makes right" and those who don't have military power should be controlled and exploited?

Having been a working person for many years of my life, I have, through my experience and education, learned to love and respect fellow workers. Most working people share with and care for other human beings. They believe in giving rather then taking. They believe that "it is better to give than to receive."

What about your own personal values? Are you a person who lives life accidentally - without a plan or goal beyond your own temporary success and security? If you are, no wonder you are frustrated and unhappy. Be Happy.

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ALCOHOL, ITS ONE OF A KIND
AND YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE WHAT ITS DONE TO YOUR MIND
YOU CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT ANYMORE
AND THE PEOPLE WHO LOVE YOU, WELL YOU PUSH THEM OUT THE DOOR
COME OUT OF THAT TRANCE
PLEASE GIVE YOUR SELF A CHANCE
DON'T DRINK ANYMORE ALCOHOL OR BEER
I'M TELLING YOU THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR
THERE IS SO MANY PEOPLE THAT WANT TO HELP YOU
BUT FOR SOME REASON YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO
ITS LIKE YOU HAVE PUT YOUR SELF IN A SHELL
AND YOUR LIFE IS A TOTAL HELL
YOUR A BEAUTIFUL PERSON INSIDE
AND I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANT TO HIDE
I'M REACHING OUT TO YOUR OTHER SIDE
YOU KNOW I'VE FELT YOUR PAIN, AND I'VE CRIED
STOP LETTING THIS RUN YOU
YOU CAN MAKE THE CHANGE IF YOU WANT TO
AND YOU KNOW ONLY YOU CAN STOP THE PAIN
AND THERE'S JUST SO MUCH FOR YOU TO GAIN
I DO KNOW THIS WILL BE A CHALLENGE FOR YOU
BUT YOU DO HAVE THE STRENGTH AND ITS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO.

CATHY DURRETT

Along the Color Line

"THE SHADOW OF RAGE"

Manning Marable

It was a cold, clear, early winter day in 1946. World War II had ended only months before, and millions of young people in the military were going home. James P. Marable, my father, had been a master sergeant in the army. Arriving in the Anniston, Alabama, bus station, he had to transfer to another local bus to make the final, forty mile trek to his family's home outside Wedowee, Alabama.

My father was wearing his army uniform, and proudly displaying his medals. Quietly he purchased his ticket, and stood patiently in line to enter the small bus. When my father finally reached the bus driver, the white man was staring intensely at him. With an ugly frown, the driver took a step back. "Nigger," he spat at my father, "you look like you're going to give somebody some trouble. You had better wait here for the next bus."

My father was confused and angry. "As a soldier, you always felt sort of proud," my dad recalls. This bus driver's remarks "hit me like a ton of bricks. Here I am, going home, and I'd been away from the South for four years. I wasn't being aggressive."

Dad turned around and saw that he was standing in front of three whites, who had purchased tickets after him. James Marable had forgotten, or perhaps had repressed, a central rule in the public etiquette of Jim Crow segregation. Black people had to be constantly vigilant not to offend whites in any way. My father was supposed to have stepped out of line immediately, permitting the white patrons to move ahead of him. My father felt a burning sense of anger. "You get there some other way, nigger," the driver repeated with a laugh. The bus door shut in my father's face. The small vehicle pulled away in the distance.

There was no other bus going to Wedowee that afternoon. My father wandered from the station into the street, feeling "really disgusted". Although he eventually obtained a ride home by hitchhiking on the highway, my father never forgot the hatred in the driver's words. Nearly a half century later, he still keenly feels his resentment and rage of that winter afternoon in Anniston. "When you go against the grain of racism," he states today, "you pay for it, one way or another."

What many white Americans have never fully understood is that "racism" is not just the social discrimination, political disfranchisement and acts of extralegal violence which existed under Jim Crow segregation. "Racism" is not simply the "silent discrimination" felt by my generation of African-Americans, who are frequently denied access to credit and capital by unfair banking practices, or who encounter the "glass ceiling" inside businesses, limiting their job advancement . Racism is most painful in its smallest manifestations: the white merchant who drops change on the sales counter, rather than to touch the hand of a Black person; the white teacher who deliberately avoids the upraised hand of a Latino student in class, giving white pupils an unspoken advantage. This sort of racism generates a feeling of rage within the very soul of the oppressed, an anger which was clearly seen in the streets of South-Central Los Angeles this year.

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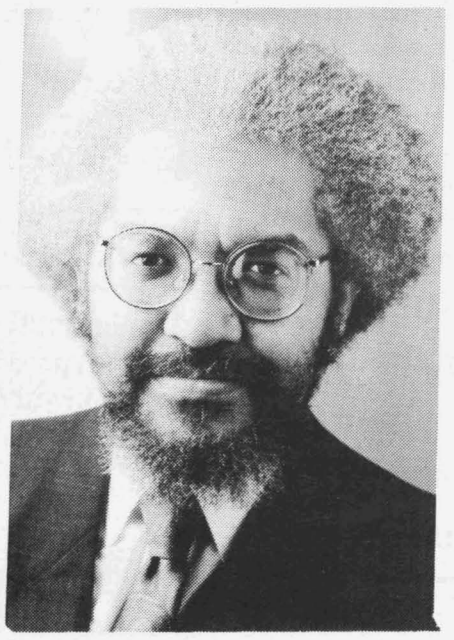
My children, Malaika, Sojourner and Joshua, have experienced this same sort of rage by the petty discriminations of daily life . They complain that their textbooks don' t have enough information about the contributions of African-Americans to our society . When my son goes to the shopping mall, he has been followed and harassed by security guards. White children have moved items away from the reach of my son, because they believe the stereotype that "all Blacks steal". My daughter Sojourner has had white teachers who were hostile and unsympathetic toward her academic development. As Malaika, my fifteen-year-old daughter explains: "White people often misjudge you just by the way you look, without getting to know you. This makes me feel angry inside."



A new generation of African-Americans who never personally marched for civil rights, and who never witnessed the crimes of segregation, feel the same rage expressed by my seventy-year old father. They clearly comprehend the racial hypocrisy of/ court system. One recent example from Southern California--in San Fernando, a postman shot and killed a pesky German shepherd dog on his mail route. The postman was sentenced to six months in jail. Yet white police officers in L.A. who are videotaped brutally beating a Black man walk free on the streets. "Where' s the justice?" young African-Americans are asking.

The rage which boiled over into violence in Los Angeles is experienced by almost every person of color in America. Unless whites come to feel as outraged as we have always been about prejudice, more conflict and tragedy across racial lines is inevitable.

Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of Political Science and History, University of Colorado in Boulder. His column, "Along the Color Line", appears in over 250 publications, and is broadcast by more than 50 radio stations internationally.

ACLU-W Defending AgainstPolice Brutality

Martin Munguia
Field Coordinator

The Rodney King verdict and the turbulent reactions afterward have given new impetus to the discussion of how to remedy incidents of police misconduct. In Seattle and Spokane the ACLU-W is seeking a variety of change in police operations. Making police more accountable to the citizenry has long been a priority of our organization ' .

Seattle Police are still left to investigate and resolve misconduct complaints amongst themselves.

In March, the national ACLU released a 50-page manual called "Fighting Police Abuse" to help citizens organize to advocate for better police accountability. In Washington the ACLU-W has established a Police Practices Task Force which has met for several months to monitor incidents of police misconduct statewide and to formulate strategies to better protect the rights of citizens. Last month ACLU-W hired UPS law student K.C. Williamson to staff the Task Force. K.C. is a former journalist- and worked as an investigator for the Santa Barbara Public Defender office.

In Seattle the City Council last fall instituted the position of Police Auditor whose job is to monitor misconduct investigations conducted by Seattle Police and report to the mayor. The ACLU I-W, along with dozens of individuals and community groups, opposed creation of this position because of its inherent weaknesses. The auditor can only review investigation reports. The auditor has no power to investigate nor to compel police to cooperate. And the auditor cannot make disciplinary recommendations. In effect, Seattle Police are still left to investigate and resolve misconduct complaints amongst themselves.

The auditor position was agreed to by city officials and the Seattle Police Guild in hushed negotiation. Even the Seattle Human Rights Commission objected to the plan. The Commission itself tried independently to investigate citizen complaints but failed due to a lack of cooperation by police. In 1990, the Commission recommended that the city form a civilian review board. City officials rejected that idea because it conflicted with the city's contract with the Police Guild.

Now the Guild contract is up for negotiation and the ACLU - W is asking the Mayor' s office to change any an terms of the contract which preclude civilian review of allegations of police misconduct. This would allow external investigators, either appointed by the City Council or Mayor, to conduct their own investigation of citizen complaints of police misconduct. This is the ultimate civilian review model being adopted in many cities nationwide. While a specific **proposal** is not being considered yet in Seattle, a change in the contract would allow for such a debate to take place.

In addition to the contract changes, the ACLU-W is seeking to work with the Mayor and City Council to look at other departmental policy changes that would Increase police accountability and improve performance.

One suggestion relates to the compilation of "contact log" statistics for administrative review and action. "Contact log" complaints are those which are never investigated. The ACLU-W wants Seattle Police to keep track of how many such complaints are made against specific officers and use this record to recommend additional training. Although an officer may not have a

Streetwise

Kathleen Taylor
Executive Director

In April the ACLU - W sued on behalf of an African American man who was severely injured when a Seattle policeman ordered his police dog to attack even though he was unarmed and cornered under a car. The tragic irony is that the man was fleeing from an attacking group of young white men at the time.

Demos Run for U.S. Senate

By Carol Poole

U.S. Senate candidate Patty Murray often relates an anecdote which, ironically enough, presents a compact symbol of her most apparent strengths and weaknesses: her sneakers. Once dismissed by a politician whom she was attempting to lobby as "just another mom in tennis shoes," Murray has quickly risen to political prominence herself. In 1987 she was elected to the state Senate; her prior experience was as a member of the Shoreline School Board for two terms.

And now, as she put it recently, Patty Murray's "tennis shoes are going to the United States Senate." Her candidacy received early support from national labor and women's groups; in mid-July she had raised approximately $300,000 for her campaign, which equaled the leading Republican, Rod Chandler, and was far more than her Democratic rival Don Bonker's $72,000.

Supporters praise her as a fresh voice calling for "people before profits," one of her main themes. Detractors are sceptical of her lack of experience. She has been criticized in the press for being unfamiliar with national issues, and for emphasizing high-profile national campaigning and fund-raising over local stumping. Although the tennis-shoes story can be taken as a badge of experience in everyday, ordinary-person life, the original insult lurks just beneath the surface, implying middle-class suburban myopia and a lack of sophistication.

In this Year of the Woman, with seven others already nominated to run for Senate and numerous women candidates for the House of Representatives, there would be a certain poetic justice in Brock Adams' seat going to a woman like Murray: a working mother, a self-described "real person" with a liberal but not radical "family values" agenda. Like the other woman candidates of 1992, Murray cites both the accusations of harassment and rape brought against Adams and the Clarence Thomas confirmation hearings as evidence that women's voices are missing in the Senate.

"People before profits" - Patty Murray
"I have stood up to the poltical system when I thought it was wrong" - Don Bonker

Rather than put forth a strictly feminist agenda, however, Murray stresses the needs of families, "real" families which she contrasts with the Republicans' ideal family. She described her four main campaign points in a recent debate with rival candidate Don Bonker as "family" issues: jobs and the economy, education, health care and "getting corporations to stop putting profits ahead of their workers." [AP] She is in favor of funding for child care, family leave, and for public schools

In the same debate with Bonker, Murray was less specific about other issues including foreign policy: she didn't know how she would have voted on the Gulf War resolution.

Murray's campaign is endorsed by NOW, the National Women's Political Caucus, Emily's List, Washington Education Association/ NEA and other women's and labor organizations.

Don Bonker represented Southwest Washington in the U.S. House for fourteen years, from 1974 to 1988, when he left to run unsuccessfully for Senate. Although in some ways he would appear to personify the professional politician, Bonker, like Murray, claims not to be "an insider." "I have stood up to the political system when I thought it was wrong," he said in an interview in May. Bonker points to his record in Congress, including his early opposition to WPPSS, his even earlier support for log-export bans in the Northwest, and his opposition to Reagan administration violations of human rights in Central and South America to support this claim.

A friend of Paul Tsongas, Bonker appears to share his pro-business orientation. "You can't be both pro-employee and anti-employer," he said in the same interview. Here he and Murray seem to differ: Bonker has charged that the parental-leave and child care she supports would harm business. He proposes tax credits for industries that generate jobs, modification of antitrust laws, and tax incentives for education and first-time home buyers.

Bonker has reversed his 1988 position on abortion funding. He then supported the restriction of federal funding to abortions only in the case of rape, incest, or danger to the mother's life. Now he supports federal freedom-of-choice legislation, and says he will oppose any such restriction of women's right to choose abortion.

Although he stills trails Murray in funds raised (approximately $150,00 to her $500,000), Bonker leads all of Washington's Senate candidates as of an August poll of voters. His campaign is endorsed by labor organizations, SANE/ Freeze and Karen Vialle, mayor of Tacoma, among others.

sustained complaint of misconduct, a pattern of uninvestigated complaints may indicate the officer needs additional training. Kansas City recently implemented a similar system.

The ACLU-W has also filed a lawsuit seeking changes in the Seattle Police Department's policies for the use of canines. Several incidents of dog attacks on innocent or suspect citizens have taken place in recent years. The ACLU-W hopes to get a ruling that police departments in Washington must adopt a "bite and hold" policy for police dogs rather than a "bark and hold" policy, except when suspects pose a threat to police or other citizens.

In Spokane, several incidents of police activity in recent years have prompted City Councilmembers to look at expanding police oversight there. A recent poll published in the *Spokesman-Review* and *Spokane Chronicle* indicated 71 percent support for a police review board among the public.

Yet a plan to expand the City Council's Public Safety Committee failed and other plans to strengthen civilian review appear unlikely to pass. In part, the reason civilian review has not gathered support in Spokane is because the proposals considered do not have sufficient teeth to resolve the misconduct problem. No proposal yet has contained independent investigatory power and the city has indicated it is unlikely to consider a plan that requires much new spending. In the face of such a lackluster drive for civilian review, the public is going to wonder what difference would be made.

Spokane chapter ACLU-W representatives are working with city officials to craft a workable plan for civilian review and build popular support.

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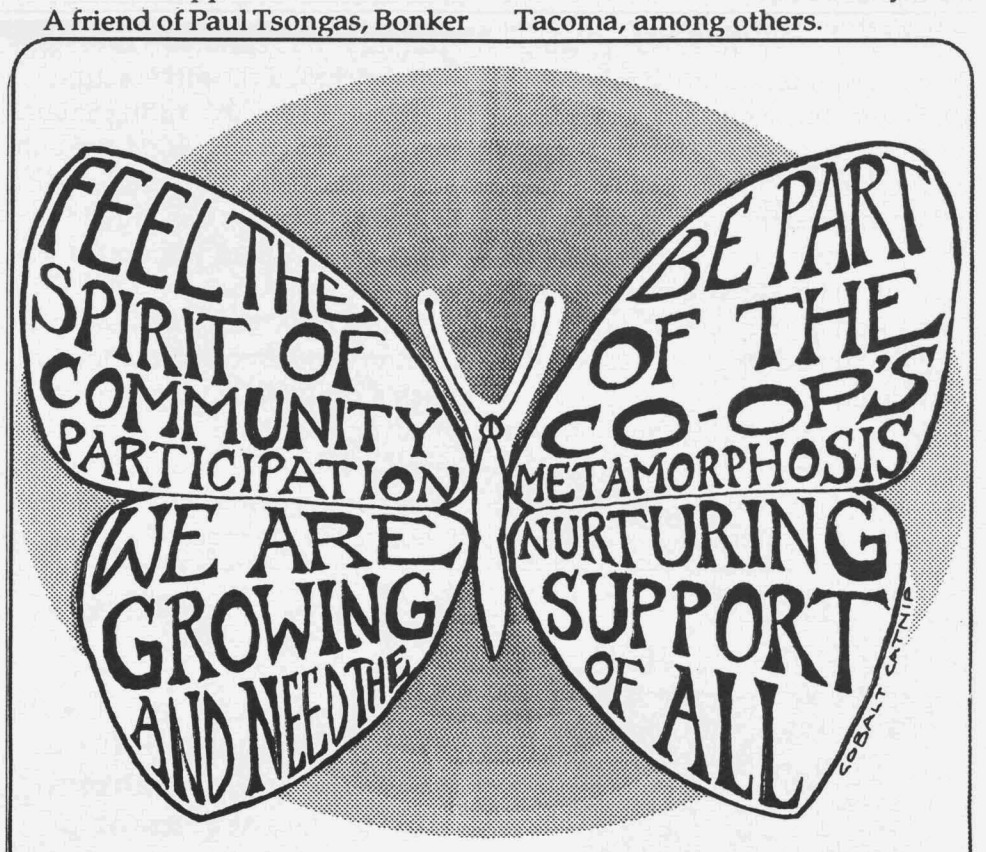
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Time for Us to Rethink the Fog of the Gulf War

David Price

At times, the passage of a few years changes our perspective of political events. Today, the seemingly apparent success of the US/UN coalition in the Gulf War, and the high approval ratings this brought President Bush has allowed most Americans to forget that before the first shots of the war were fired there was not a clear-cut majority of our country who supported military intervention. Once the war began, most Americans did support the troops in the Gulf - though the reasons for the support are less than clear - many argue it had more to do with guilt over the behavior of war protesters two decades ago than it did with a gut-felt support for sending Americans overseas to die for the sovereign rights of middle eastern monarchs. Two years ago, the American debate over the war was framed with inappropriate analogies and metaphors. So little accurate information was made available to the public that few understood exactly what they were supporting. Now, new information has become available that allows us to see this historical events in a different light. If the information we now know about Iraq and the war was available then, I doubt our congress would have voted to declare war, and the American public could not have been whipped up into such an all-out frenzy.

Some of the vital information was not available to the public due to the so-called "fog of war," but much of it was made intentionally unavailable. It is my hope that some of our leaders and public will try and reconsider our current situation before starting another war which would punish Iraqi civilians more than Saddam Hussein, and create more instability in the Middle East. Lets not get involved in another war in the Gulf until we really understand what happened in the last one.

Consider the following:

On July 2, 1992, Sam Zakhem, the U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain during the Gulf War, was indicted by the Justice Department for accepting $7.7 million in bribes from Bahrain and Kuwait. The money is alleged to have been payments for Zakhem's extensive lobbying of the U.S. Congress and the American public (on Nightline and CNN) to support an American war against Iraq. In another era Zakhem would have been tried for treason.

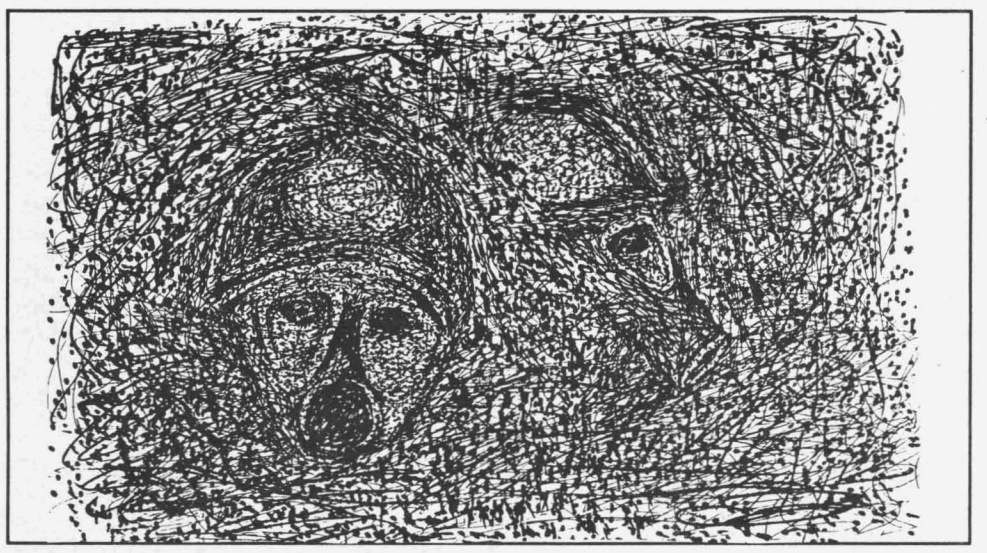
The nameless Kuwaiti girl who tearfully testified before Congress that she witnessed Iraqi soldiers taking babies from hospital incubators has been thoroughly discredited. Amnesty International's investigation concluded the girl is actually a member of Kuwait's ruling Sabbah family and that her story was simply Kuwaiti propaganda designed to prod the American public into supporting a then unpopular foreign war.

Transcripts of April Glaspie's meetings with Iraqi dignitaries show Bush's diplomatic corp practically goading Saddam Hussein into attacking Kuwait. Though President Bush flat-out denied reports of these meetings in the months leading up to the war, post war interviews with Glaspie show she was indeed sending Iraq signals indicating the US would not stop an occupation of the disputed oil fields.

George Bush's promise of a war crimes trial for Saddam Hussein seems to be forgotten. Bush has much to lose from a public trial that would expose his administration's long-standing cozy relationship with Saddam Hussein. We now know that the Bush administration fought hard to fund Saddam Hussein's weapons program and that when congress refused to allocate funds, a 1988 National Security Directive created a weapons program that flourished under the guise of agricultural funding.

In 1991 Atlanta banker Christopher Drogoul was convicted of laundering monies for illegal Iraqi arms deals. The U.S. Justice Department now admits that it dropped 287 charges pending against Drogoul in exchange for Drogoul's agreement not to testify against governmental officials.

At the war's close, the euphoria and hype surrounding the American technology of death had an unreal quality to it. Raytheon stock (momentarily) soared with the selectively released videos seemingly showing Patriot Missiles intercepting incoming scuds. It was as if there really might be something to Reagan's money-wasting impossible dream of Star Wars defensive technology. But that was before the Fog of War lifted and people rationally examined what happened. The Pentagon now admits to intentionally inflating estimates of the size and strength of the Iraqi military. The "success" rates of Patriot missiles aimed against incoming Scud missiles has plummeted from an initially proclaimed 85 to around 15, and the success rates of "smart bombs" has been shown to have been similarly inflated during wartime. The fact of the matter is that



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most of the killing (largely of civilians) was accomplished using technology and strategies not that different from World War II. Massive waves of "carpet" bombing hit urban Iraq, indiscriminately killing Corporal and child alike.

The after effects of the war in the Middle East have been disastrous. American interests in the region are certainly in worse shape due to our military interference. Our newspapers have been silent, but the press throughout the Arab world report that our military actions in the Gulf have fueled a resurgence of Islamic Fundamentalism throughout the Middle East. A pro-democracy fundamentalist revolution is now underway in Algeria, while Egypt, Morocco, Sudan, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia have expanded internal military crackdowns against fundamentalists. The Algerian military canceled scheduled elections this year when it became abundantly clear Islamic fundamentalists would gain the majority of parliamentary seats. Bush' State Department shrugged its shoulders and remained silent while the old military regime arrested and tortured many of those who would have been popularly elected to power. Bush the wimp didn't even have the balls to write the coup's leaders a three word note saying "shame on you". The truth is Bush couldn't care less whether or not a country has democratically elected leaders, so long as there is an atmosphere of business as usual. The belief that post-Carter US foreign policy has been anti-democratic is widespread throughout the Middle East. Egypt and Syria, our strongest allies during the Gulf War, have already publicly said they will not join a new U.N./U.S.. coalition against Iraq.

Egypt is so frightened of the fundamentalist movement that they have started rapidly back-pedaling on a number of their positions taken during the Gulf War. Muhammad Gawad, the chief of the Middle East News Agency of Cairo, suggested in an interview this past month that:

> "Arab intellectuals have said that what Iraqi President Saddam Hussein did in Kuwait was right, but he did it in the wrong way. They say that if Saddam had not actually used force but had simply kept force as a threat, he would have got for himself and for the rest of the Arabs, and for the world a better thing."

Make no mistake, the entire Arab World is busy re-examining what happened in the Gulf War, and most analysts are seeing little more than a U.S. effort to obliterate the strongest Arab power. At present there is clearly more distrust of the U.S. and its motives than there is mistrust directed toward Iraq. The Western show of force in the region has fed the Islamic fundamentalist movement more than any other, even in the last decade.

It would be a mistake to interpret this widespread movement as being more religious than political. Blaming this revolutionary movement on Islam would be like trying to explain this country's civil rights movement of the 1960s as being brought about by fundamentalist Christianity. Fundamentalist movements around the globe (whether its Christian liberation theology, or Islamic fundamentalism) have drawn upon the humanitarian elements of their religion to try and bring their governmental systems around toward social justice. The lack of democracy throughout the Middle East (which the US has certainly encouraged) has left most of the people with little hope for change outside of their religion. If President Bush wanted a just cause to fight for in the region he could certainly find it in promoting democracy, not in propping up the right to rule of unpopular monarchs.

Kuwait's royal family has, of course, reneged on its wartime promise of holding democratic elections after the war. The Sabah family has in fact taken steps to remove the few civil rights that previously existed for Kuwaiti citizens. President Bush has chosen to simply look the other way on this matter rather than to try and pressure this brutal monarchy into making a few basic steps toward democracy.

Israel has launched no less than a dozen new offensives in Lebanon since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, while George Bush seems to have forgotten his clenched teeth promises that he would "not let naked aggression stand". Perhaps the problem with the Israeli violations of human rights are that they're not "naked" enough, the Israelis love to cloak their violations of international law in the clothing of "national security". I doubt many Americans realize that 946 Palestinians (vs. 99 Israelis) have died in occupied lands since the beginning of the Intifadah. There are more UN resolutions condemning Israel than there are condemning Iraq, yet Bush chooses to increase the amount of aid to Israel rather than condemn their actions. Acre per acre, the Israelis have illegally occupied more land in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria than Iraq ever occupied in Kuwait. Where has Bush's sense of injustice been while the Israelis continuously slaughter civilians in occupied Lebanon?

It doesn't take a Skinnerian psychologist to understand Bush's recent suggestions that American military action against Iraq could reoccur in the next few months. It should be expected that a president who states that he will "do anything to get re-elected" will repeat whatever past actions earned him his highest public approval. As a patriotic American it saddens me to watch my president so cynically abuse his power for the apparent purpose of maintaining office.

David Price is an local Arabic scholar currently finishing his Ph D in anthropology.

A SONG ABOUT HAIR

I don't understand why you focus on my ethnicity
is it because you feel you really know me that
you have given yourself permission to abuse my identity
I can think of no other reason for your rudeness, Friend

"hey there redman"
"hey there redneck"
"what's that hopi pueblo hair style you got there"
"well actually i merely put my hair in a bun"
"well it sure looks like some fancy indian thing you did"
"hey get your damn hand away from my hair"
"jesus you don't have to get all uptight about it"

But you just don't understand do you
i have to get UPTIGHT about it because it's my hair
you see we humans have this right to our own bodies
without some curiosity seeker looking
to make a comment about
our "ethnic heritage"
as if you didn't have one
of your own

I know you think my hair looked rather ethnic
but your misconception just cost me the good time
that i was having before you came along
so next time you happen to see me
and my looks intrigue you
do us both a favor
and walk on by

G.W. Galbreath

Salty Blue

Old man standing
On the dock,
Your back is bent
From years of fishing,
Neck curled to your chest,
Eyes myopic
With studying the brine for fish,
I come near,
You stretch,
You howl,
A voice gone horse
From years of barking orders,
When I'm close
You spread your limbs,
A burst of wind lifts,
As you flap your wings,
You curse with your scratchy voice.

-Birch Shapiro

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Partner's National Survey for Gay and Lesbian

In the fall of 1988, a major survey was undertaken to develop an accurate portrait of lesbian and gay couples in America. Survey forms were circulated through gay churches and community centers, but most couples requested the forms after reading notices in the gay press. Out/Look magazine and a few gay newspapers published the survey itself. Data was collected through fall 1989. The entire project was developed and conducted by Stevie Bryant and Demian, editors/publishers of Partners Magazine For Gay & Lesbian Couples.

The survey drew a total of 1,749 responses, representing 1,266 couples—706 lesbian couples (56%) and 560 male couples (44%). In some cases, both partners of a couple submitted a survey; in others, only one partner did. For purposes of statistical analysis, responses were weighted so that each couple was counted only once.

Respondents provided demographic information, such as age and education, for both themselves and their partners. This summary reports only information for the respondents since it differs little from the information they provided for their partners.

Relationships averaged nearly six years in length for all couples, even though the average respondent was only 35 years old. More than 100 couples had passed their 15th anniversary. One lesbian relationship had spanned 43 years, and three male couples had lasted more than 40 years. 19% of lesbian couples and 13% of male couples had been together one year or less.

Length Of Relationship

	Women	Men
Average years	4.9	6.9

Number Of Previous Major Gay/ Lesbian Relationships

	Women (%)	Men (%)
None	32	38
One	26	33
Two	23	18
Three	10	7
Four	4	3
Five or more	5	
Average number	1.52	

Where Couples Met

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Friends	28	19
Work	21	7
Social event	16	13
School*	9	3
Bar	4	22
Religious event	4	7
Political event	4	4
Support group*	3	2
Park/public space*	2	6
Classified ad	2	6
Baths/cruising*	<1	5
Other	5	6

*write-in response

Sexual Orientation

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Gay/lesbian	93	97
Bisexual	7	3

Age

	Women	Men
Average years	34.7	36.5

Race

	Women (%)	Men (%)
White	95	95
Latino/Latina	2	2
Black	2	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1
Native American	<1	<1
Other	<1	<1

Class Background

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Working class	31	33
Middle class	60	62
Moneyed class	6	4
Other	1	1
Poor/welfare*	1	<1

*Write-in response

Education

	Women	Men
Average years	16.7	16.8

73% of women and 72% of men had at least four years of college.

Political Orientation

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Very liberal	39	29
Liberal	40	44
Moderate	19	21
Conservative	2	5
Very conservative	<1	1

Religion

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Protestant	25	32
Atheist/Agnostic	23	25
Catholic	14	21
Jewish	10	7
Pagan/Goddess/ Wicca	6	2
Unitarian	3	2
Eastern religion	1	1
Quaker	1	<1
Other	9	7
No response or uninterpretable	9	4

Employer-Provided Benefits for Partner

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Health coverage	4	6
Other benefits	5	7

Types of Discrimination Encountered as a Couple

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Employment benefits	58	40
Taxes	47	37
Insurance	46	34
Membership	20	11
Credit/banking	15	10
Employment	14	13
Housing	11	11
Hotels	6	6
Hospital visitation	6	2
Adoption	5	2
Foster care	3	2
Other	7	4
None/none indicated	23	34

Heterosexism Strikes in Oregon

WIP News Service

Government is prohibited from "promoting, encouraging, or facilitating homosexuality."

Sound like a bad dream? Or something, maybe, from the 1700s - and in another country? Think again. In Springfield, Oregon, as of May 19, 1992, it's the law.

Voters in Springfield, a town of 45,000 located just across I-5 from Eugene, approved the measure in a surprise outcome. An unofficial tally of 5,693 to 4,540 - 55% to 45% - amended the city's charter, in what observers say is the first such instance in the U.S. On the same day voters in Corvallis, home of Oregon State University, turned down a similar initiative by a 2 to 1 margin.

Buoyed by success in Springfield, the Oregon Citizens Alliance - a statewide ultraconservative Christian group - recently gathered 115,600 valid signatures to put an even stronger anti-homosexual measure on the state ballot in November. The number is 26,000 more than that required to bring an initiative to a vote.

Ballot Measure 9, as the statewide initiative is now officially tagged, lumps "homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism or masochism" in one group. If passed, the measure would forbid the state from any actions which might "promote these behaviors", and would overturn or bar the passage of civil rights laws based on "sexual orientation" or "sexual preference." Portland's current civil rights ordinance banning discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations would be one victim. In addition, homosexuality et al would be declared "abnormal, wrong, unnatural and perverse"; state and local government - public schools, too - would be required to set "a standard for Oregon's youth" that these "behaviors are to be discouraged and avoided."

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In other words, opponents say, government and schools would be required to discriminate against lesbians and gay men. The initiative could affect content of textbooks and diversity training sessions; hiring and firing of anyone who works directly with children - teachers, case workers, etc.; child custody decisions; and granting of professional and business licenses to counselors, physicians, real estate agents, bars owners and so on. Libraries could be forced to fire lesbian and gay employees, refuse service to homosexual patrons, and censor gay-positive books ranging from Walt Whitman's poetry to Alice Walker's Pulitzer Prize-winning *The Color Purple*.

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In July Oregon's major newspaper, *The Oregonian*, quoted OCA head Lon Mabon as saying that if the OCA could raise $600,000 to $700,000, they would win passage of Proposition 9. Ralph Reed, director of evangelist Pat Robertson's Virginia-based Christian Coalition, also told *The Oregonian* that his group will spend a "substantial" amount of money to support the OCA's efforts. People in a number of states - including Washington, according to articles published in the *Seattle Weekly* and *Seattle Gay News* - are waiting to launch similar efforts if the OCA is successful.

A broad coalition of individuals and groups ranging from unions and churches to the Democratic party has organized in Oregon to defeat measure 9. Send donations to No on 9, P.O. Box 3343, Portland, OR 97208. If your donation is $50 or more, please include your occupation, which must be reported to the Secretary of State under Oregon campaign contribution laws. And write a letter to the editor of any Oregon paper. *The Oregonian*'s editorial address is Letters to the Editor, The Oregonian, 1320 SW Broadway, Portland, OR 97201. If you need more information or help composing the letter, call Jim Shurtliff at No on 9, 503-232-4501.

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Where Couple Lives

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Urban gay neighborhood	50	66
Urban area	11	9
Suburban area	29	15
Rural area	11	9

Living Together

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Always	75	82
Sometimes	12	11
Never	12	6

Residence Status

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Jointly owned	32	36
Owned by one partner	24	24
Rented/leased by both	33	27
Rented/leased by one	11	13

Income

	Women (%)	Men (%)
$8,000 or below	10	8
$8,001 - 15,000	17	12
$15,001 - 25,000	27	26
$25,001 - 40,000	33	29
$40,001 - 65,000	11	16
above $65,000	3	9

Income Sharing

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Entirely shared	39	41
Partly shared	36	41
Not shared	25	19

Number of Children Cared for

	Women (%)	Men (%)
None	79	91
One	10	5
Two	8	3
Three	2	1
Four or more	2	1

Preferred Name for Partner

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Partner/life partner	35	27
Lover	30	40
Spouse	10	9
Roommate/friend	7	5
Mate/life mate	4	6
Boyfriend/girlfriend	2	2
Husband/wife	1	1
Multiple responses	9	8
Other	2	4

Degree of Commitment

	Women (%)	Men (%)
For life	67	76
For a long time	25	20
For a while	7	4
Briefly	< 1	O

Relationship Rituals

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Held ceremony	19	11
Wear ring/symbol	57	36
Other ritual	12	9

Quality of Relationship

	Women (%)	Men (%)
1 (Highest)	47	36
2	32	39
3	13	15
4	2	4
5	2	3
6	2	3
7 (Lowest)	1	1
Average rating	**1.9**	**2.1**

Two Greatest Challenges To Relationship

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Communication	42	49
Career	26	30
Relatives	26	18
Sex	25	22
Money	25	28
Health	9	12
Co-workers	3	2
Neighbors	1	1
Other	23	13

Relationship has Suffered from

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Partner's		
Verbal abuse	17	15
Substance abuse	7	11
Physical abuse	3	3
Respondent's		
Verbal abuse	19	16
Substance abuse	8	8
Physical abuse	3	2

Big Arguments Per Month

	Women (%)	Men (%)
None	57	65
One	31	26
Two	9	6
Three or more	3	4
Average number	1.0	0.6

Small Arguments Per Month

	Women (%)	Men (%)
None	10	13
One	21	20
Two	28	26
Three	14	14
Four	11	10
Five	5	6
Six or more	11	12
Average number	3.5	3.7

Source of Survey Responses

	Women (%)	Men (%)
Unknown (gay/lesbian newspapers, political, social & religious gay groups)	56	52
Out/Look magazine	34	27
Partners Newsletter	3	13
Other	8	8

For a more complete analysis and charts, send $3 for the May/June 1990 issue devoted to this survey. Partners Magazine for Gay & Lesbian Couples is a quarterly packed with information, news, interviews, professional advice and resources. A year's subscription costs $21 (organizations, $32). Partners is mailed in a peek-proof envelope and the mailing list is confidential.

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Parents Must Provide Support

Garnett Phibbs

Friday's BLADE reported the most blatant, vicious, rejecting, discriminating and destructive homophobia yet from the Vatican ("Vatican Backs Bias Against Gay People") - not just for its church, but for all citizens and public policy! Surely, even David Duke never voiced any more irresponsible prejudice.

In stark irony, today's BLADE has a 2-page story ("Kermit Nies: The Death of a Golden Boy"), recounting the prolonged agonizing trauma of his family and friends since his apparent suicide over his inability to live with our hostile society's rejection of his sexual orientation. (Incidentally, other than a couple of minor details, a superb article by Nora Shoenberg, and a humongous help for all families of gays in our community.)

I wept as I saw the denomination of my own original ordination vote to . . . let stand an explicit 1983 statement that all "homosexuality is sin".

Yet, almost every week this summer, we have seen the news items that virtually every major Protestant denomination has boldly stepped up to the plate with yet another "study" on human sexuality, (especially homosexuality), then in every case, backed away from it in the final votes, because of the pressures of the new "boll-weevil" homophobic caucuses of religious fundamentalists and political right-wing extremists now boring from within each denomination on their own deceptive agenda.

Indeed, last week, I wept as I saw the denomination of my own original ordination vote to reject such a study report, and instead to let stand an explicit 1983 statement that all "homosexuality is sin".

But this is no theoretical idea for me. From my personal experience of fifteen years, as the proud father of one gay and two non-gay sons, as well as the proud uncle of a lesbian and a gay, I identify totally with and share the anguish of his parents' pain in these months of disbelief, confusion, doubt and healing. I think they will find that in the long run, though perhaps not for the moment, just such honest sharing will be a big therapeutic factor in their own acceptance, understanding, restoration and healing.

But beyond that, they are to be highly commended for having shared so candidly with the community, since one out of ten of us is gay and one in every four families is effected. Undoubtedly many other parents who have been too uninformed, smug or afraid to deal with their situations will now realize how urgent it is that ANYBODY who uses the judgmental stereotypes, jokes, insults, arguments, rejections, bashing against ANY gays is adding to that awful burden of self-doubt, rejection, suffering and despair which LEADS a high percentage to suicide.

My own recommendation would be that the parents visit a local chapter of "Parents - FLAG" (national "helpline" - 1-800-4-FAMILY) where they can meet with other parents in dealing with their feelings among those who alone do understand and accept them. Meanwhile I would suggest that there are many excellent books now available (via Parents-FLAG if not library or bookstore).

Virtually every scientific researcher involved in this field now agrees that whatever "causes" homosexuality, it is, like heterosexuality, based in genetic-hormonal factors, rather than a conscious choice, decision or preference, hence not a cause for "moral" judgmentalism, shame, blame, guilt — of either gays or their parents.

Gayness is not an activity which they DO, it is WHO they ARE: in other words, nobody influenced, convinced, taught them. They CAME to us that way! (Just study the ways that child development experts used over the generations to `cure' left-handedness before they finally learned to accept, confirm and adapt to it as a GIVEN "difference" not a chose "perversion", in the created order. Thirdly, I would urge parents to avoid those religious fundamentalists who insist on hitting us over the head verbally with their ill-informed misuse of the Bible - a totally irrelevant, useless, hopeless exercise in futility.

Fourthly, just as we learned during the turbulent sixties that the reason MOST of us had no idea what it was like to live as a minority person was that most of us did NOT know even one minority person, outside of work relations, as a personal FRIEND. Similarly, very few of us EVER learn to really KNOW a gay person as a close FRIEND (unless a family member "comes out" to us), thus we can easily ignore the facts that they are just like us; they work, pay taxes, hurt, love live next door, go to church, etc.. (For the last 20 years I have lived in a city with 35% gay population and worked in a world-famous establishment with dozens of gay and lesbian employees: No problems.)

Finally, I would hope that parents would spend their energy now, not in trying to defend themselves against narrow homophobic debates of others or worrying themselves sick with "why?", but to unite with other parents in trying to help all parents in our hostile society to understand that accepting and LOVING all of our children for what they ARE (not to fix, cure, or save, as something else we'd prefer) is the ONLY way.

Meanwhile, let us pray for all religious leaders who prefer to keep their heads in the sands of thousands of years ago, categorically rejecting one-tenth of all the great children whom God has given us — as being unacceptable.

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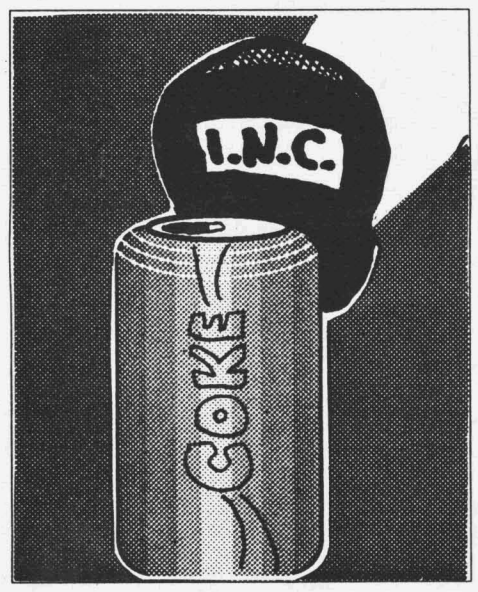
Zachary D. Lyons

The Irish National Caucus is asking consumers to boycott Coca-Cola products as the result of the soft-drink giants' refusal to disassociate itself from the Linfield Football Club's anti-Catholic bigotry by removing its name from the Windsor Park stadium score board.

"Windsor Park is a soccer stadium in Belfast owned by the Linfield Football Club—a club with a notorious record for anti-Catholic bigotry," reports Father Sean McManus, President of the Irish National Caucus (INC). "The largest advertiser at Windsor Park is CocaCola."



"Linfield has not had a local Irish Catholic player on its first team since 1950. Just recently, the manager of the club stated in the Irish media that it would be 'idiotic' to think that he would sign a Catholic player," says Fr. McManus. "On numerous occasions Catholic fans and players have been attacked by Linfield supporters- once by a grenade!"

In February of 1990, Linfield supporters attacked the players of Donegal Celtic, a team based in Catholic West Belfast. In November of 1991, Ulster Freedom Fighters (a Protestant paramilitary group) threw a hand grenade at Cliftonville fans, who are mostly Catholic, during a Linfield game. Later Cliftonville players were assaulted by Linfield fans in a public restroom at a nearby bar. And in March of 1992, Linfield fans pelted Cliftonville players with golf balls.

Linfield fans can often be heard chanting anti-Catholic slogans. They wave banners and wear emblems that glorify Loyalist (Protestant) murder gangs responsible for killing Catholics at random. "Their record of bigotry is so offensive that even former British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr. James Prior, has condemned them," according to reports in the INC's *Irish Letter*.

To put pressure on the Linfield Football Club to stop discriminating against Catholics, the Irish National Caucus has lobbied corporations to withdraw their sponsorship of the club and to stop advertising at its Windsor Park Stadium. INC President Father Sean McManus stated that, "all corporate sponsors and advertisers must withdraw from Linfield and Windsor Park. Otherwise, they will be condoning bigotry and, shamefully, profiting from it."

The Irish National Caucus launched its boycott of Coca-Cola products on St. Patrick's day in a national radio program by INC President Father Sean McManus in response to Coke's refusal in a March 16,1992, letter to Fr. McManus to remove their advertising from Windsor Park.

Earl T. Leonar,Jr., Senior Vice President for The Coca-Cola Company, wrote *The Boycott Monthly* in a July 21,1992 letter,"I think you will be interested in correspondence that we received from Father Sean McManus on this matter and our response to him..."

"You should know that the Coca-Cola sign in Windsor park is part of an arrangement that our bottler, Coca-Cola Bottlers (Ulster) Ltd., has with the Irish Football Association," continued Leonard. "Our bottler has no relationship whatsoever with the Linfield Football Club. We share your views against discrimination of any kind, wherever it may be found in the world. I am confident you know this Company well enough to be assured of that."

One thing *The Boycott Monthly is* sure of is that the copies of correspondence that Coke's Mr. Leonard sent to us is identical to copies of correspondence we sent to him just a week earlier.

"We fully share your abhorrence of bigotry," writes Coca-Cola's Leonard in the March 16 letter. "The Coca-Cola Company is opposed to prejudice and unfair discrimination in all its forms, and our operating policies and practices fully reflect this philosophy in the more than 185 countries in which we do business.

"Throughout the history of The Coca-Cola Company, we have taken the view that organized sporting events bring together people of diverse backgrounds for the common purpose of sharing in the pursuit of excellence through effort and achievement," continues Leonard. "We know of no other activity that expresses so well a universality of wholesome values that transcends individual backgrounds and beliefs. That is why The CocaCola Company and its licensed bottlers hold the world's longest tradition of sustained funding for sport at every level.

"The support of our business system for the Irish Football Association is one component of a multi-tiered sponsorship of nonsectarian sports and community activities throughout Northern Ireland. It is consistent with the extensive funds we allocate to sporting activities in the Republic of Ireland and in the many other countries throughout the world where communities value sport as a common language.

"Coca-Cola Bottlers (Ulster) Ltd. has an exemplary record of non-discriminatory employment and operating practices and is in complete compliance with all relevant regulations,"Leonard states. "Its support of charitable bodies, educational programs and sporting activities is extensive and well-known. Our youth soccer programs alone reach more than twenty thousand school children across Northern Ireland.

"The painted Coca-Cola sign [Fr. McManus refers] to in Windsor Park was established through an agreement with the Irish Football Association and is our expression for the basic principle of supporting soccer as a decent and wholesome sport.

...the most notoriously anti-Catholic stadium in all of Northern Ireland also has the best field, the best facilities- the best stadium... Doesn't that tell you how discrimination works in Northern Ireland?

'Windsor Park is the only site in Northern Ireland that meets the IFA's standards for matches of international calibre,' the INC's Fr. McManus reiterates. "How interesting that the most notoriously anti-Catholic stadium in all of Northern Ireland also has the best field, the best facilities- the best stadium... Doesn't that tell you how discrimination works in Northern Ireland? The worst discriminator in Northern Ireland sports has received millions of dollars in grants from the British Government to become the team with the best stadium!"

"There is another suitable facility in Northern Ireland free from the sectarian ethos pervading Windsor Park," asserts Fr. McManus. "The Oval in Glentoran can be used for international matches... But even if there wasn't another comparable stadium, is Coca-Cola saying then that they're willing to make money at the best stadium, even if it has a record of discrimination and sectarian violence?

"No where in their letter to you does Coca-Cola address the fundamental issue at stake: By advertising at Windsor Park, Coca-Cola associates itself with and condones sectarianism," Fr. McManus concludes, "and, of course, shamefully profits from it."

"If there was a stadium in Georgia owned by a football club with a well known and long established record of discriminating against African-Americans, would Coca

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South Africa Boycott of Coke Continues!

In a July 17, 1992 letter to The Boycott Monthly, Tandi Gcabashe, Coordinator of the Coke Boycott Campaign, wrote: "The [Coke boycott] was initiated in 1985 based on the premise that sanctions, divestment, and international boycotts are an effective non-violent strategy to isolate the apartheid regime and thereby promote fundamental change in South Africa.

"While the boycott committee recognizes that a measure of progress toward democracy in South Africa has been achieved through the repeal of the most virulent apartheid laws, we acknowledge that de facto apartheid remains entrenched, and virtually unscathed.

"Therefore the boycott of all Coca-Cola products will proceed until an interim government and democratically elected constituent assembly are established. We encourage U.S. citizens to stand in solidarity with the South African liberation leaders who have reaffirmed this strategy and decry the premature lifting of sanctions. In an address to the United Nations Security Council on July 15, African National Congress president Nelson Mandela criticized the Bush administration's South Africa policy and remarked, "We would like sanctions to be reimposed.'

"We await eagerly the day when economic pressure is no longer necessary, and a democratic, non-racial South Africa replaces the current and continuing reality of apartheid."

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Land Is Not Wealth

Marvin Saillard

Money is a measure of wealth, and a means of making it easier to exchange wealth. Any consumer product, made from land by labor and capital, which is exchanged in the marketplace, is wealth. Capital is wealth used to create more wealth. It is also wealth not yet in the hands of the consumer.

Land is not wealth because it was not produced. Land is a factor of production. Labor and capital are the other two factors of production. In a fair and just marketplace capital is acquired by making and saving wages and investing wages in capital. The return to capital is interest just as wages are the return to labor, and rent is the return to land.

Money represents what we have produced. Money makes it easier to exchange our products in the marketplace for what someone else has produced. Money eliminates the need for barter in the marketplace. But money obscures the fact that sometimes we are exchanging publicly-created values for privately-created values.

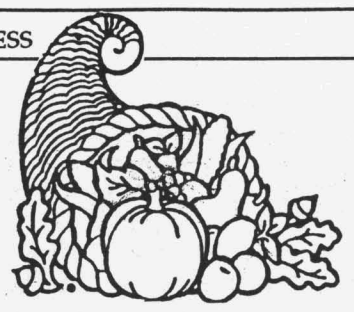
Land is a gift of Nature to mankind. Land ownership is not based upon who produced the land. It is based on the power of government to insure exclusive title to land. Exclusive ownership of a land location gives the landowner a type of monopoly which gives the owner a special advantage over all the other members of the community, none of whom can live without access to land. This special advantage can be precisely measured by the market-determined rental-value of the location.

The special privilege of not paying the community for this special advantage results in under-privilege for people who must make up for this loss of public revenue by paying taxes on their earned incomes from labor and capital. All taxes levied against labor and capital tend to raise prices and the cost of living. This tends to discourage production and reduce the number of jobs available in the community. When labor competes for limited jobs, wages and interest are forced down, and the economy goes into a recession.

If land could be produced, the supply of land could be increased or decreased by producing more or less land. By taxing all of the efforts of labor and capital to produce on the land and to make improvements on the land, landowners are discouraged from putting their land to its best use, and from creating more jobs by doing so. Failure of the government to collect the annual rental-value of land as public revenue, encourages landowners to hold valuable locations out of use, or in underdeveloped use, while they wait for higher land prices.

The artificial scarcity of valuable locations on the market cause developers to create urban sprawl by seeking less expensive locations on the urban fringes. This results in the development of farm land into subdivisions, and in the expensive extension of community services and infrastructure past miles of underdeveloped land to serve new developments.

People, who can afford to own more land than they can use for their own home and business, treat their extra land as though it were



man-made capital, and treat their rent-of-land as if it were interest on capital. Rent-of-land becomes capitalized into a selling price by dividing the annual-net-rent-of-landafter-taxes by the current interest rate on investment capital. For example, $2000 annual net-rent at 5% interest becomes $2000/0.05 = $40,000 selling price; at 10% interest becomes $2000/0.10 = $20,000 selling price; at 20% interest becomes $2000/0.20 = $10,000 selling price.

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Rent-of-land represents a community-created value determined by the presence, the economic activity and the taxes of all of the people in the community marketplace. The rent-of-land represents an unearned income to landowners, and the selling price represents an unearned profit. Rent-of-land is a natural source of public revenue which will naturally grow as the need for public revenue grows.

All economists agree that the tax on land-rent cannot be passed on in the form of higher rents because the rents are already as high as the market will bear, and no owner can afford to create an artificial scarcity of land by holding his land out of use while waiting for a higher selling price when he is paying all of the market-determined annual rent as public revenue.

When land-rent is taxed lightly, or not at all, landowners are able to accumulate capital products without producing any capital products in exchange. They are able to exchange permission to use land, they did not produce, for products the rentor has produced. This is not a fair exchange, and the landowner is able to acquire a monopoly in capital in addition to his monopoly in land. His monopoly of land and capital allows the landowner to exploit the labor of people who do not own enough land or capital to make their own jobs. The landowner is able to call himself a capitalist even though his real advantage comes from his being a landlord.

Labor and earned capital are natural partners because labor becomes more productive with the help of capital. And wherever there is a demand for capital there is a demand for labor. Labor's real adversary is the partnership of land monopoly and capital monopoly. By collecting the rental value of land as public revenue, while eliminating the taxes on labor and earned capital, we could do away with land monopoly and capital monopoly. We could also do away with land speculation and land-price inflation and recessions and depressions.

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(Coke, continued)

Cola have anything to do with that Club?" Fr.McManusasks. "Then why should it be any different in Northern Ireland?

"We call on all Americans concerned with equality and justice in Northern Ireland to stop purchasing products manufactured by and/or bearing the Coca-Cola brand name until it withdraws its advertising from Windsor Park."

Coca-Cola products include Coke (diet, caffeine free, etc), Sprite (diet,etc.), Tab, Minute Maid sodas, juices and ades, Nestea, Mello Yello, Fresca, Fanta, Hi-C fruit drinks, Ramblin' Root Beer, Mr. Pibb, Pepe Rico, Bacardi Tropical Mixers, Five Alive beverages, Bright and Early beverages, Maryland Club coffee, Butter-Nutt coffee, MAX energy drink and Nemasket Spring Water.

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Pat Buchanan Imitates Early Nazi Tactics

Demian

The Nazi campaign to exterminate the Jews started with vitriolic speeches aimed at casting the Jewish people as responsible for the economic and spiritual ruin of a nation. In so many stereotypical ways, Jews were portrayed as being less than human.

The German populace was provoked to attack their Jewish friends and neighbors by constant messages of hate and by gangs of brown-shirted youths, who, encouraged by their elders, smashed windows and bones. The first mass uprising of the German people against their own Jewish citizens and against those *perceived* to be Jewish was called Kristallnacht because so much glass was broken.

This same spirit was evident at the Republican Convention on August 18 when arch conservative Pat Buchanan waged a fierce attack on lesbians and gay men, *especially against those of us in relationships, those of us who have built families.*

Buchanan complained that Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton and his backers stand for the "amoral idea that gay and lesbian couples should have the same standing in law as married men and women."

Both the Nazi and Buchanan campaigns capitalize on fear by exploiting the public's lack of information about a subculture. Both describe the subcultures as separate and not only different, but alien and immoral. Both wanted to exclude the subcultures from the mainstream, deny them equal treatment and "purify" the nation.

When seeking motives for these hateful actions we find upsetting possibilities. Logically, the Jews were no more responsible for Germany's national crisis than lesbians and gay men are responsible for America's present status.

But these hate campaigns do not focus on logic, surveys or scientific studies of any sort. They concentrate only on irrational loathing. However, loathing alone does not explain what motivates the Nazis or Buchanan.

In fact, the ultimate purpose of Buchanan's diatribe is to divert public attention from the nation's genuine problems, such as the economy. The Republicans have lost the biggest rallying cry of all time 197 > the "Evil Empire" has economically disintegrated. And, since they have eschewed other, more noble battles (such as a war on homelessness or AIDS), they have nothing left with which to rouse the voters.

In addition, Buchanan derives personal power from his messages of hate. The Republican crowd roared its approval, screaming louder over his venom than they did for former President Ronald Reagan. Trading on hate and derision, and terrorizing dissenters into silence, Buchanan and fellow hatemongers, such as Jesse Helms and Jerry Falwell, enhance their personal influence and wealth.

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But the nation pays dearly for their politics of division. It is no accident that hate crime statistics have risen so sharply. Men like this give ammunition and support to the "brown-shirted" youth of America. We may never know the full extent of anti-homosexual violence spawned by these hate peddlers.

Buchanan's plan for America is frightening. It demands that gay men and lesbians (roughly 10 percent of the population) be denied employment, children, housing, fair treatment in court and the right to marry.

If Americans hatefully turn their backs on their own coworkers, parents and children, our nation stands to vastly deplete its human resources. It will be shaken to the core with neighbors fearful of each other, families ripped apart.

That this scenario should be introduced under the banner of "family values" is perverse. America's central tenents of freedom and justice are rendered meaningless if only certain types of families need apply.

Buchanan's hate speech moved America one step closer to bookburnings, mass round-ups, identifying tattoos and purges. Endorsed as it was by the Republican party, it was a ominous move toward a terrifying Buchanannacht.

Thankfully, America is still in a position to step back from the precipice over which Buchanan and his cohorts would lead us. By voting and by speaking out we can transform this nation into what the hateful fear most < 197 a> country that is the hope and salvation of *all* human beings.

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Vote for Clinton/ Gore, NOT ME !

Ron Jacobs

Many of my friends are doing what they never thought they'd do: vote for a candidate who is barely the lesser of two evils. To tell the truth, I've considered voting for Mr. Clinton myself, mostly because Bush has *got* to go. This creates a dilemna. My rejectionist friends say, in no uncertain terms, screw the whole system. And you know, they're ultimately right. But we do live in the reality of this system while we fight to transform that reality. No matter what, though, I *cannot* vote for Clinton/Gore.

Reason number one is their unabashed support for the war in the Persian Gulf. That war and the interventionist mentality it manifested is wrong and does not serve the interests of the majority of the world's people. We can not afford to use killing as a method to resolve disputes, especially when those disputes concern the profits and concerns of a few versus the rest of the world. One can be sure Clinton/Gore would not hesitate to wage wars if they felt corporate interests were threatened. Gore's senatorial support of the contras and the government of El Salvador, and Clinton's contra connections point to their belief in imperial war on a "covert" level, as well. Further evidence of this ticket's belief in the U.S. as global cop is their support for military intervention in the Bosnian-Serbian-Croatian conflict instead of forced negotiations. I remain convinced that dropping bombs, no matter how smart they might be, on one side or the other in a civil war is a dumb policy. A wider war is not peace. More slaughter by more armies is still slaughter.

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The Tipper Gore thing. I'm against censorship. Whether it's administered by corporations or government agencies, I'm against it. Rock and roll is the music of youth and (sometimes) rebellion, real or imagined. And Tipper Gore's attempts to label some rock music as obscene is not only censorship based on her paranoid perceptions, it stinks of racism as well. Like most previous attempts to censor the music, those who end up bearing the brunt of the attacks on this culture are artists who are not wholesome and white, especially if they talk about subjects in a way which challenges the status quo.

One more reason. The war on our rights. Clinton/Gore are on the same side as Bush/Quayle when it comes to law and order. Their speeches call for 100,000 more cops in the streets and support for the death penalty. This is the desert storm approach to crime produced from poverty. More police and an increased threat of state violence will not end the discontent and hopelessness which has caused street violence and other crime to rise to its current levels. Instead, the presence of more police enhances the likelihood of police abuse, and the hand of those who prefer martial law to just laws.

It's not my business to tell anyone how to vote, or whether to vote at all, but I don't see myself pulling any levers ***for president*** this year(again). No, sadly enough these candidates' agenda has too many major faults. Like the Kennedys they imagine themselves to be, they are just pretty faces on an ugly, imperial policy.

Ron Jacobs is a registered voter, who will vote for everything except president. Even though Ron is moving to New England he plans to continue writing for Works in Progress quite often.

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Clinton and the Democratic Leadership Council

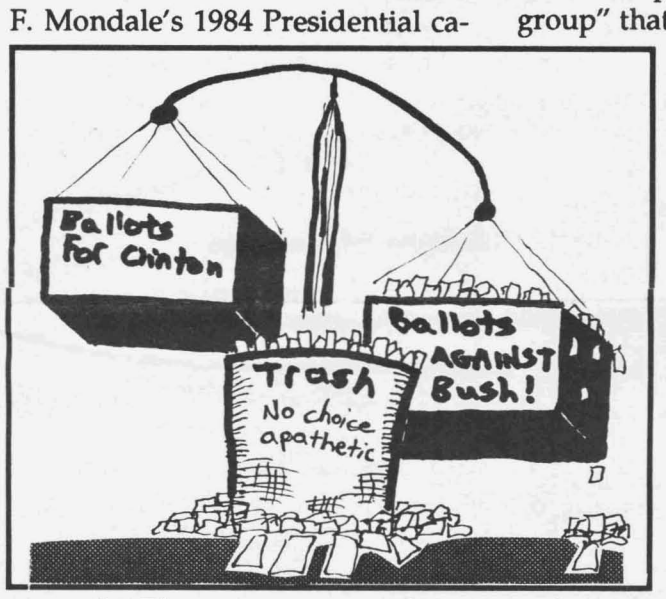
Don't Believe the Hype

Paul Ortiz

The Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) is the ascendant power and policy maker in the Democratic National Party (DNC). Gwen Ifill, in the New York Times, observed that the DLC "has now all but hijacked the rest of the party, forcing it onto a centrist policy track that its leaders hope will put the Democrats back to the White House this year." Drawing on this imagery, long-time DLC member Bill Clinton now pilots "the party of the people."

But what are the DLC's vaunted "centrist" policies, and what will they mean to the majority of Americans should Clinton become president? To answer these questions, we must study the origin and philosophy of the DLC and examine the politics of DLC members, especially Clinton.

Douglas Harbrechet of Newsweek, notes that the DLC was established "in the wake of Walter F. Mondale's 1984 Presidential catastrophe. They were convinced, the party needed a forum where elected officials could develop a pragmatic philosophy with appeal to business and suburbanites."



Other founders of the Democratic Leadership Council include Senator Sam Nunn from Georgia, Senator Al Gore from Tennessee, and former Virginia Governor Charles Robb. One ideological leader of the DLC has been Richard Gephardt, a Democratic congressman from St. Louis suburbs who according to Mike Davis, "earned his seniority opposing programs for the poor, school busing, and women's rights, has become something like the Doctor Faustus of congressional neoliberals..."

Gephardt undeniably played Faust to capital's Mephistopheles with his early support of the anti-labor anti-environment North American Free Trade Act. This support helped facilitate the Democrat's fast-track endorsement of NAFTA. At the 1991 National Rainbow Coalition conference Gephardt drew guffaws from the assembled when he stated that "he was 'willing to give the President the chance' to negotiate a good agreement..."

The DLC's commitment to pro-corporate agendas are reflected in the group's membership and it's corporate funders. Robert Straus, is a former Democratic party chairman, consultant for the notorious (remember Michael Milken) firm of Drexel Burnham, and co-founder of the DLC. Straus' commitment to "centrist" politics includes helping Frank Lorenzo smash the stewardesses', pilot's, and machinists' unions at Eastern Airlines.

Former Arizona governor Bruce Babbit embodies the DLC's "pragmatic philosophy with appeal to business." In 1982, Babbit propped up the fetid Phelps Dodge corporation, at the time "the seventh largest U.S. investor in South Africa" by sending in tanks and troops to smash the picket lines of Phelps Dodge miners and their families.

The corporations that provide two-thirds of DLC's 2.5 million dollar budget are Philip Morris, Atlantic Richfield, and TRW. Other corporate funders of the DLC Include Dow Chemical and Georgia Pacific. These Corporate fund raisers for the DLC represent the new "interest group" that dominates policy considerations in the Democratic-controlled congress and the DNC as well. A brief survey of the public conduct of these corporations gives a hint of who will benefit and who will lose from a DLC-controlled Clinton presidency.

Georgia Pacific posted net profits of 61 million dollars in 1989 - an increase of 42% over 1988 yet they attempted to force massive concessions from the men and women who produced a large portion of their profit at the G.P. Toledo, Oregon operation. Out of desperation, Georgia Pacific's own employees subsequently initiated a nation-wide boycott of the products they produced.

According to the rather conservative EPA,/Dow operates eleven factories where the risk of cancer is alarmingly high."

Finally, In 1985, TRW picked up a 142 million dollar welfare check from the federal government for shutting down "a line of aircraft components" and destroying jobs."

Corporate welfare in fact is a major theme of the Democratic Leadership Conference. In Clinton's home state of Arkansas, he enacted a law "including a 7% sales-tax credit for manufacturers that invest 5 million dollars or more in their Arkansas facilities.": According to the Wall Street Journal, "Critics say the tax break turned out to be a giveaway potentially totaling more than 100 million dollars to prosperous businesses already located in the state." Clinton's admirers claim "investment policies" like these create jobs, but the another result, the *Journal* notes is that "Arkansas is one of the nation's poorest states in both per capita income and employment, it also is home to some of the country's richest individuals and largest corporations."

As governor, Clinton combined "investment" tax cuts with hikes in sales taxes thus effectively redistributing income upwards. "When Arkansas voters tried to roll back the sales tax, first through legislative action and then through voter initiative, Clinton opposed them." Does this sound like the "tax reform" that Clinton promised before the National Urban League recently? Read his lips: cut taxes for corporations by using a vague "tax the rich" smokescreen to dupe intelligent (yet desperate) voters.

Given the D.L.C's commitment to corporate welfare, entitlement programs for big business, and tax breaks to the rich, their position on social welfare for working-class people is a disgrace. "Another element at the core of the [DLC's] ideology, states Michael Kramer in Time magazine " concerns welfare, specifically the neo-Republican idea that workfare schemes should be favored and that an ultimate threat is necessary. As Clinton says, "If we help train you and you still refuse to work, then no more welfare...We will do *with* you. We will not do for you." (Time, May 4, 1992? Clinton ignores the fact that neo-Republicans gutted federal workfare programs in the early 80's. Many new "workfare" programs are long on subsidies to businesses and short on wages to workers."

The D.L.C.'s stance on environmental issues varies from the neoliberal environmentalism of Albert Gore to the nuclear-powered economic agenda of Paul Tsongas. But if the D.L.C.'s collective stance is hard to pin down, Clinton's environmental record is clear. According to the Wall Street Journal, Arkansas "has been ranked last for its environmental initiatives and 48th overall for its environmental conditions by the Green Index, which is produced by the Institute for Southern Studies. Upset by this, the Sierra Club endorsed Mr. Clinton's gubernatorial opponent in the 1990 Democratic Primary."

According to the above report in the *Journal*, "Mr. Clinton is viewed especially harshly by people who live near the state's 10 Superfund toxic-waste sites. Many charge that he has been too sympathetic to chemical companies and not sympathetic enough to the residents. 'I don't think Bill Clinton cares,' says Claudette Hazlett, a Jacksonville resident who says several relatives have suffered severe health problems. 'He has only one thing on his mind, running for president. God help us if he makes it."

The Lesser of Two Evils or Savin' Our Necks?

William Greider, in his new book *Who Will Tell The People: The Betrayal of American Democracy*, noted that "The most dramatic political shift of the 1980's was not in the Republican party, which, after all, had always sided with money. It was among the Democrats who employed facile arguments to abandon the goal of social equity in favor of 'trickle-down' economics."

Despite Hollywood-choreographed rhetoric, Clinton, the DLC, and their corporate backers have nothing in common with "middle America" much less those that dream of a more progressive agenda for the party of the people. In fact, Clinton funder Peter Peterson and DLC founder Robert Straus claim that the gigantic 1980's deficit was created by welfare, Medicare, and Social Security payments-doesn't this sound a little too close to Reaganomics for comfort.? They are part of the group of "experts", all rich of course, who argue that the rich need more tax breaks, the middle class need to pay more taxes, and the poor even more (which is exactly what happened in the 1980's).

"He has only one thing on his mind, running for president. God help us if he makes it."

These cruel gilded age policies are disguised as "investment" and "job creating" taxes. They are nothing of the sort. In 1982, U.S. Steel, pleading poverty used $850 million in tax breaks and wage concessions to begin a grotesque purchasing binge of oil companies and non-steel related enterprises that decimated their workforce. In fact, U.S. corporations so often receive "Investment" and "job saving" tax and wage concessions now that Robert Goodman, in a famous essay, observed that municipal and state governments are "The Last Entrepreneurs" paradoxically gutting their own infrastructures in order to create jobs. One example: Minnesota, wracked by a $343 million debt recently cut a deal with Northwest Airlines to grant the carrier $843 million in tax abatements and loans to build two maintenance facilities.

The Democrats and Republicans have presided over this vampiric feast of the rich on working-class

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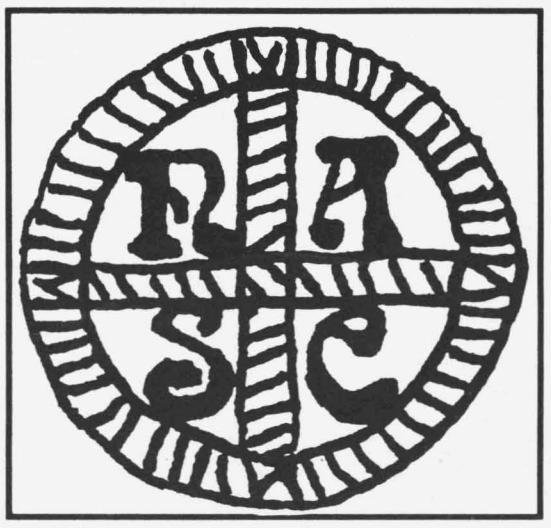
September 28th through October 4th 1992

Native American Heritage Week

Dave Wells

In the 500th year since the landing of Columbus, The Native American Student Council at South Puget Sound Community College is doing anything but celebrating that event. The NASC will be hosting Heritage Week and the 1st Annual Sacred Beginnings Pow Wow 28 September through 4 October at the college.



Native peoples continue to suffer at the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder through assassination, political imprisonment, sterilization without consent, theft of lands, unequal distribution of resources and hate crimes. Native Americans have the highest high school dropout rate, due to racism and ethnocentrism, have the lowest income (welfare payment per person on the Pine Ridge Reservation is about $39 every two weeks), have the highest mortality rate for any industrialized nation, inadequate or nonexistent health services and continue to be denied education opportunities and still have the highest unemployment (up to 80% on reservations) in the United States. To these ends of examining who we are, what we have and where we can go, we have organized a Heritage Week and pow wow. These events will help bring attention to the similarities and to the differences between mainstream American culture and local Native American cultures. The Native American Student Council is presenting a week of speakers, performers, storytellers, and featuring a pow wow on the weekend. Our guest speakers for Heritage Week, come from the local area. These participants have expertise in a wide range of subjects from environment to culture and language to alcohol/substance abuse to treaty rights. These Heritage Week topics cover just a sampling of topics of concern to the community, in general, and the Native American community in particular. The participants represent just a very few of the eloquent speakers and outstanding performers and storytellers in our community. Of particular interest is Curtis Dupuis a traditional Chehalis storyteller (29 Oct 7:30 p.m.), Ramona Bennett and family and youth advocate (Mon 28 Sept 8:00 p.m.) and the film Incident at Oglala with Ida Mae Stuntz-Killsright guest speaker (1 Oct 4-7:30 p.m.). The First Sacred Beginnings Pow Wow was named since this is the beginning of a change. We hope the Council can solicit community involvement to help direct the college in addressing the educational needs of Native Americans. We believe that the word community implies everyone in the community, not just a few people. The working world is changing and evolving; we must be in step with its movements. I hope there will also be social and economic changes. If the leaders do not lead, the followers must then lead the leaders.

We want to attract people who have never been to a pow wow before. Our special guest performance for this diverse audience is Ratna Roy and her Orissi Dance student (4 Oct, 4 p.m.). Wear your soft-soled dancing shoes and be prepared to enjoy the pow wow. These events being presented from 28 September through 4 October.

For more information, call 754-7711, Ext 306. Event schedules will be at the Olympia Food Co-op.

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Americans of all colors. A Clinton presidency would bring more of the same-even worse because the Demos still have the ability to occasionally hypnotize the masses including this writer) into apathy.

But with every new sell-out and DLC policy victory, the Democrats drive through our hearts an even more sinister principle: political action is useless because even the party of the people has sold out to the rich and super rich.

Leslie Gelb wrote a revealing column recently titled "Clinton Shrewdly Supports Bush's Foreign Policy." Gelb said President Bush "should try to convince Americans that his foreign policies are so sound that even his challenger [Clinton] has to embrace them." In fact, Clinton does embrace Bush's foreign policy-recall his fan-the-war-flames remark about Cuba during his acceptance speech in New York. Will we be willing to invade Cuba just because slick Willie is at the helm? Lesser evil? Perhaps. But maybe not. I know at least one worker voting to save his neck this presidential season.

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Recycling Store Tours

Raymond Berger

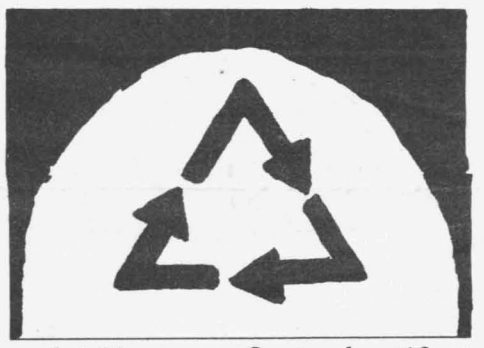
The "store tour project" sponsored by the City of Olympia Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Waste Reduction Subcommittee in conjunction with the Sasquatch Chapter of the Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters is planning a series of "supermarket tours" at the Food Pavilion Store on Pacific Avenue in Olympia. These are designed to give consumers a first hand look at the shopping decisions that can be made. The focus will be on two main issues; precycling, that is, buying less-packaged products to save both packaging and money; and on reducing the use of potentially hazardous household waste by providing information on safer alternatives.

The store tour volunteers include Sierra Club members, concerned citizens, employees from Thurston County and the City of Olympia. The tour is intended to educate people about choices and alternatives both in purchases and disposal. The success of the city's recycling program has been phenomenal. The recycling program works because people stop and think before throwing something away. Likewise, with the precycling campaign, decisions made in the store at the time of purchase to reduce the amount of packaging purchased along with goods decreases the need to recycle.

Except for aluminum, the collected recyclables cost money to be reprocessed, but less than the cost of landfill disposal. The focus of the store tours is to take waste reduction one step back, before recycling. Additionally, much of the excess packaging isn't recyclable, so the only way to keep from dumping it in the landfill is to not buy it. This is especially true of household chemicals.

The tour is conducted aisle-by aisle, demonstrating choices- between heavily packaged food products and less packaged equivalents, and between hazardous chemical products and safer alternatives. There will also be a price comparison, showing total cash price for each alternative in price-per-use units. This will allow the tour goer to quickly see the price differences involved in each choice.

These tours will be given at three different times, 11:00 am, 12:00 noon



and 1:00 pm on September 19 at Food Pavilion. The store owners have been working with the organizers, allowing an information booth at the store, both on tour day and beforehand to sign people up. There will be project volunteers at the table to answer precycling questions. The tours will be small and informal, perhaps 4 to 6 people at a time. Advance sign-ups are greatly appreciated, to get an idea of attendance. People wishing to sign up at the booth on the day of the event will be taken on a space-available basis. Advance sign-up insures you a spot and helps us to gauge the response. You may stop by the booth at Food Pavilion, or call 956-9123 (Chris Russo) or 754-9651 (Rita Robison) to sign up.

Each person completing the tour will receive an information packet, including a "Hazo Wheel" and a comparison pricing guide. Also included will be a free canvas grocery sack.

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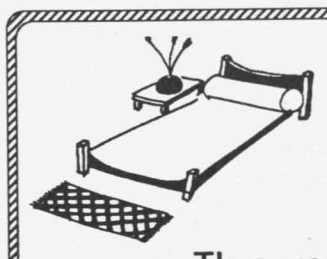

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(Rock, contined from front page.)

* In 1984, less than 40% of Americans aged 18-24 turned out to cast their vote or president.

*In the 1988 election, 25.2 million 18-24 year-olds were eligible to vote, but no more than 36% turned out to vote. This is a drop from the 1984 level of 40%, and means that over 1 million eligible voters did not vote.

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* In the state of California in 1988, of the million 18-24 year-olds eligible to vote, only 900,000 people went to the polls. The same year in Ohio, of the 1.1 million 18-24 year-olds registered to vote only 450,OOO voted.

*In 1988 as in past elections white 18-24 year olds voted at somewhat higher levels than both their Black and Hispanic peers, and young women voted at higher levels than young men.

* Voter turnout in local elections is far lower than at any other level; more elections at the local level were won by one vote than on other levels.

A recent study by the Los Angeles Times-Mirror found that, unlike the period of disillusionment which stigmatized the Watergate generation, the apathy surrounding today's younger generation is not resulting from a loss of faith in government rather, they found that today's young people are less critical of business and government, possibly because they watch less news on television and are twenty percent less likely than middle-aged and older Americans to know even basic facts about current events. Does this sound frightening to you?

Rock the Vote is working to change this. The organization has groups of volunteers who attend rock concerts and other gathering of young people, collecting voter registrations and speaking about the importance of voting and civic responsibility. They have had incredible success nationally with coverage on MTV and an overwhelming response on the Lollapalooza tour, but none better than here in Washington. As of the beginning of August, Washington state had the largest number of people registered--almost 6000, according to RTV State Coordinator Kate Ellison. They have tried to make themselves as accessible as possible, setting up tables at all major rock concerts, as well as the Bite of Seattle and the Taste of Edmunds. Not bad for an all-volunteer group that only began the beginning of June.

As the election year winds up for the coming elections in November, so does Rock the Vote. The key day is October 3rd, the last day that you can register and be eligible to vote in the November national elections. In this spirit. Rock the Vote is sponsoring- a free concert -in Sylvester ark, Saturday, October 3rd. The concert will feature all Olympia talent- - Creep, Heliotroupe, Betsey Holt and Blue Plate Special, Fuse and Vibe Tribe. The show will run from noon until sunset, complete with Kate and her other voter registrars, as well as informational booths with items of interest to voters. In the spirit of this election year, come out, show up, enjoy a free show, register and last but not least--- VOTE!

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with Rock The Vote in Olympia, please contact Alex Rains at 956-3123. I am also looking for groups that are interested in setting up informational tables at this October 3rd concert, or just helping out!

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Beautiful thoughts and kindly deeds,
Get their start from tiny seeds,
From loving thoughts of someone CARING,
And willing to do a lot of sharing.

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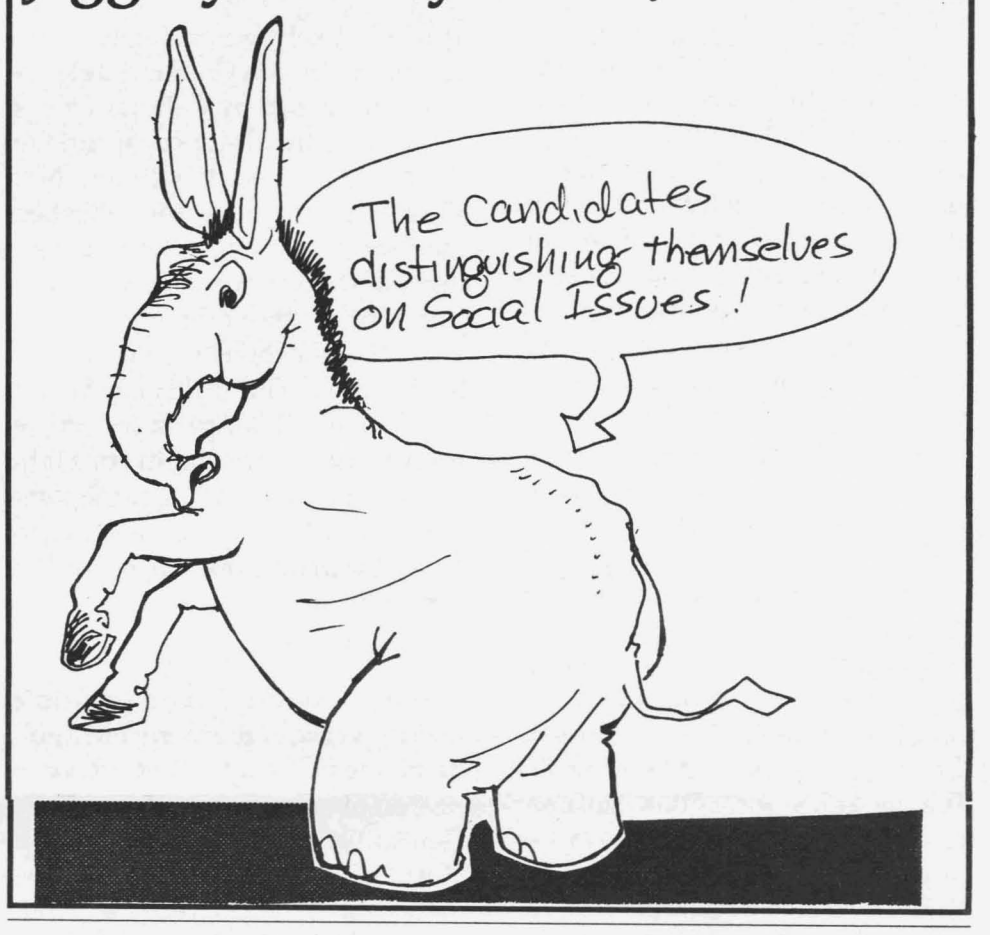
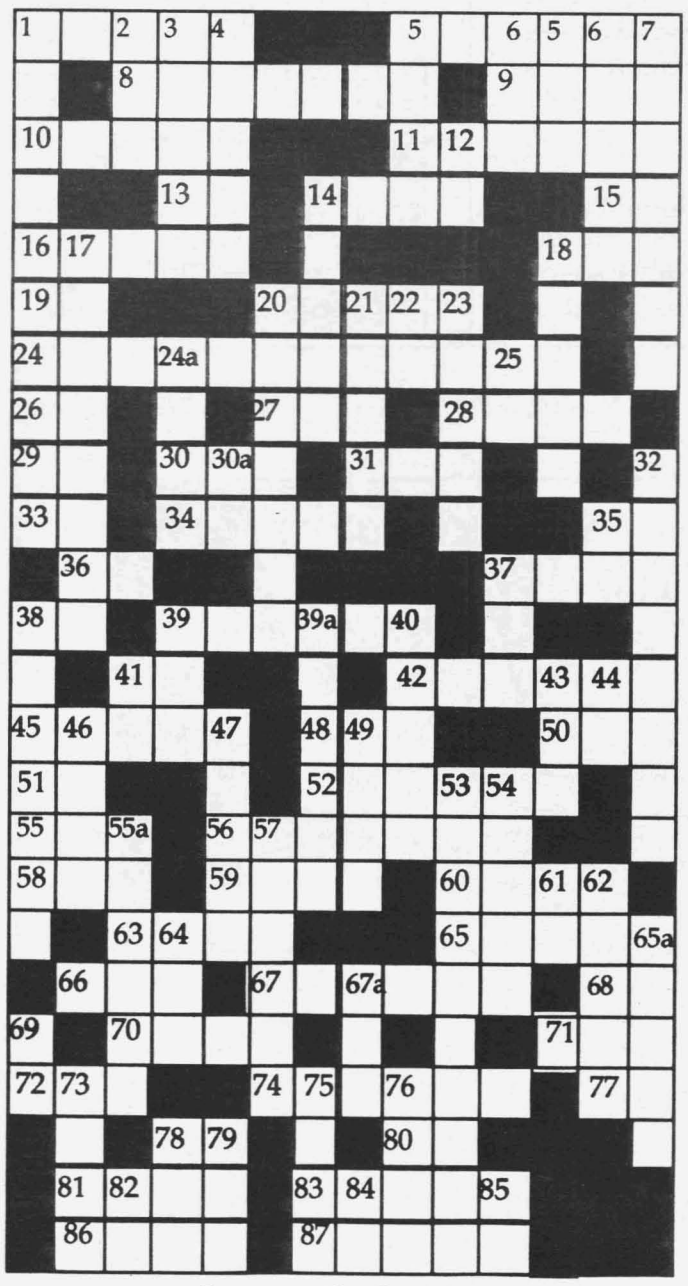
by Al Zimmerman



The Funky WiP Crossword

by Jerome Johnson



Last month's Solution on back page.

Across
1. United Nations Envoy
5. The "Butcher of Baghdad"
8. State Capital
9. Midwestern state
10. North American Aerospace Defence Command (abbrev.)
11. 40th President
13. –6, British Intelligence
14. "Pro-life" stronghold
15. Songstress Lang (init.)
16. To run off with a love
18. Martial artist
19. Northeast (abbrev.)
20. Arch-rivals of the Green Berets
24. UN Secretary General (2 wds)
26 ___ route
27. Ingredient
28. Thurston County Democrat
29. Thor Heyrdahl's "____ Expeditions"
30. National Education Association (init.)
31. Not well
33. Grade reduction (abbrev.)
34. Sitcom: "Kate & ___"
35. Where, in Germany
36. The Princess of Wales, to friends
37. Daredevil Knievel
38. Italian River
39. VFW warrior Ce´sar
41. Karate uniform
42. Moving company: ___ Van Lines
45. Writer Allen Poe
48. My ___, Vietnam
50. Popular drink
51. South Dakota (abbrev.)
52. Jean-Luc Picard has a fine one
55. Limb
56. Not quite real
58. Listening device
59. Traffic sign
60. "The World According to ___"
63. Cookie
65. Bowling parlor: Westside ___
66. Frau Hitler
67. Springtime irritant
68. Northwest (abbrev.)
70. The former Mrs. Barry
71. Dessert
72. Hockey star
74. Woman's name
77. Southeast (abbrev.)
78. Martial arts weapon
80. Homeworld of the Green Lantern Corps
81. To masticate
83. Perfume
86. Bluto, for one; Arnold Becker, for another
87. Civil rights activist Fannie Lou

Down
1. California air base
2. Neither, ___
3. Tool
4. Songstress Gorme
5. Woman's name
6. Defense Intelligence Agency (init.)
5. Animal
6. MTV's "___ on the Wild Side"
7. Freedom fighter
12. Enlisted man (abbrev.)
14. Actress Sharon
17. Signore da Vinci
18. Mario's plumbing partner
20. African nation
21. Agatha affectionately
22. Level heat (abbrev.)
23. ___ Jessy Raphael
25. Songstress Turner
24a. French paper: "____Monde"
30a. ___Alamein
32. Lady Day
35. "___, the People..."
37. Sea creature
38. The King of rock & roll
39. Central Intelligence Agency (abbrev.)
39a. Fastener
40. African nation
41. Golden Gloves (abbrev.)
43. International Transport Co. of Rwanda (abbrev.)
44. Journalist Cummings
46. Director, Drug Enforcement Administration (abbrev.)
47. Russia, to a Frenchwoman
49. Powerful lobby (abbrev.)
53. "Where ___" (2 words)
54. "___ of Troyius"
55a. President Cleveland
57. Fantasy land
61. Royal Navy (abbrev.)
62. Instrument of pleasure
64. Royal Air Force (abbrev.)
65a. "Supermarket ___"
67a. Lutheran Church in America (abbrev.)
69. "__ what?"
73. Not poor
75. A lot
76. Journalist Chomsky
78. Insect
79. Logger's nemesis
82. "___ Said, She Said"
84. International Assassins (abbrev.)
85. ___-15, predecessor of the M-16 rifle

(Yelm, cont. from front page.)

continue to state there is no evidence suggesting that these towers are harmful? Why are they determined to put this tower 1,000 feet away from an elementary school? Let's not allow the town of Yelm and the children of Yelm Prairie Elementary to be the "guinea pigs" to determine the term effects.

Ed. Note: The Thurston County Commissioners' be discussing this issue August 31, 1992 at the Thurston County Courthouse Bldg. A, 3:30pm.

Cooking Your Hotdog by Phone

Zoning News

In addition to aesthetic concerns, some communities have addressed the question of a possible health threat posed by the microwaves used to transmit cellular communications. Eugene Rosenberg, a cellular communications consultant in Milwaukee, says the amount of microwave radiation produced by cellular communications should not be underestimated.

The telephones themselves, notes Rosenberg emit between three and five watts of power at around 824 megahertz. This radiation has both thermal and nonthermal effects. To illustrate the heating effect, Rosenberg says that this power is enough to begin to cook a hot dog in about 15 minutes. By comparison, the transmission towers typically operate at 75 watts, but can emit appreciably more power in larger rural service areas.

The nonthermal effects of microwave radiation are less understood. As part of a growing concern about the effect of nonionizing radiation on humans, radiation associated with cellular communications has become suspect. APA's (American Planning Association) research department has received numerous questions from planners about this concern over the last 8 to 10 months. Cell sites, as well as all other electromagnetic radiators are threatening to become the next big NIMBY issue.

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Snippets from *Microwave News*

Micro Wave News

Court Blocks Tower

Opponents of a proposed 300-foot tower near Butler Township, PA are expressing confidence that they can stop the project. A Pennsylvania Common Pleas Court judge ruled in their favor on May 26, denying a request by Bell Atlantic Mobil Systems Inc. to reverse a decision by the Butler Township Board of Commissioner, which rejected the company's application for a development permit last January. The judge, George Kiester, believes an appeal is likely, according to an account in the MayButler Eagle...A tower proposed by Cellular One is meeting with disapproval among residents of Old Chatham, NY. Three letters to the editor published ina local newspaper, the Independent, on May 28 expressed skepticism about the company's assurances that the tower would pose no health threat. The facility is aimed at improving cellular phone coverage for mtorists on several major highways in the area, leading to the complaint in one letter that, "It seems to us the the main beneficiaries will be cars and trucks on I-90..."

Future EMF Studies

Some observers have a hard time making sense of the many EMF epidemiological studies that have appeared over the last few years. Dr. Genevieve Matanoski of the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore offered a guide for the perplexed by identifying some of the common threads of the research findings and outlining suggestions for future work.

Matanoski pointed out that for both childhood and adult studies the timing of the EMF exposure is emerging as a crucial variable. Exposures at an early age or repeated exures over extended periods of time appear to enhance cancer risks, she said. As an example, she cited the male breast cancer study by Dr. Paul Demers and coworkers which indicated a substantial increase in cancer among those workers who were first exposed before the age of 30 or first exposed 30 years prior to diagnosis. Indeed, Matanoski noted that her own study of telephone linemen indicated that the greatest risk of leukemia was among workers exposed at arly age.

Second, Matanoski stressed the importce of investigating the effects of combined expsures. "Instead of only thinking about confounders, we need to look at the combined risk of EMFs with both chemicals and ionizing radiation," she told Microwave news in an interview followig her talk.

60 Minutes Report

60 Minutes ran its segment on possible health risks associated with hand-held traffic radar as its lead story on june 21.

Correspondent Morley Safer began the piece by interviewing officers from across the U.S., who described how they used the radar. George Nelson o Frand Rapids,, MI, for example, explained that he rested the unit in his lap while it was transmitting and he believed the radiation caused his testicular cancer. Toward the end of the piece, Safer included a shot of Nelson and the five other officers in Grand Rapids who have developed testicular cancer.

For two different views on reasearch and regulation concerning health effects from microwave radiation, Safer relied primarily on interviews with Dr. Eleanor Adair of the John Pierce Foundation Laboratory in New Haven, CT and Dr. Louis Slesin of Microwave News. The last word, however, was given to Ohio State Rooper Gary Poynter: having described the database in which he records cases of cancer among traffic radar users, Poynter lamented the deaths of many of his fellow officers.

I.E.E.E. Say It's OK

Even before the 60 Minutes piece aired, the Institute of Electricla and Electonics Engineers(IEEE) issued a response to the concerns raised by the "the allegations of Poynter [which] have been expanded in a series of media events..." The institute reaffirmed its views in an "Entity Position Statement," written by its Committee on Man and Radiation (COMAR), which argues that police radar guns are safe because the power levels are low.

The five-page statement relies primarily on the IEEE's own 1991 microwave exposure guidelines, written by SCC-28, and on the prvious ANSI C95.1 limits. It notes that, "The vast majoriy of police radars operate between 10 and 25mW, although a small number of 100mW devices are still in service. By comparison, the power output of child's walkie-talkie is 35mW, and cellular hand-held Radio-telephones operate at power levels of hundreds of milliwatts."

The IEEE concludes unambiguously that, "There is no scientific basis for worry that exposure to police radar may cause or promote cancer."

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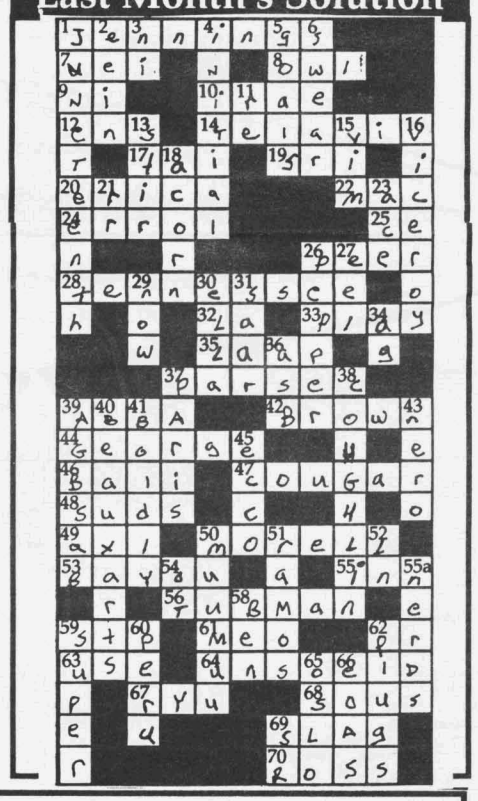
Last Month's Solution



In the Way of the World

by Ron Austin

WIP Schedule

WIP Article submission deadline is Wednesday September 16

Also on that day, there will be a meeting at SPEECH at 7pm. SPEECH is 218 Fourth Ave. Call 956-9123 for info.

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